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## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN WAR.

#### TURKS PREFER TO FIGHT.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 15.

According to a telegram from Constantinople, all the newspapers declare that the new peace conditions are unacceptable. They are of opinion that it would be preferable to continue the war. The Government has made arrangements with the Council of the Ottoman Debt whereby the latter advances £100,000 immediately and a further £200,000 up to June.

#### Appeal to Montenegro.

A message from Cetinje says that the Powers have asked Montenegro to allow the civil population to leave Skutari, but Montenegro replied that they would only allow foreigners to leave.

#### The Hamidieh's Activity.

According to advices from Athens, the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh, in a raid in the Adriatic Sea, burned two Greek steamers and sank another which were engaged as Serbian transports. Two other Greco-Serbian transports were struck by shells, four seamen being killed.

#### Allies' Terms.

A telegram from Sofia states that the reply of the Allies accepts mediation on certain conditions, namely:—

- 1.—The cession of all territory westward of a line from Rodosto to Care, and Malatya, excluding Gallipoli, but including Adrianople and Skutari.
- 2.—The cession of the Aegean Islands.
- 3.—The cession of Crete.
- 4.—An indemnity of an amount to be fixed when peace has been definitely concluded, and compensation to private parties, the Allies to participate in the indemnity deliberations.
- 5.—The Allies reserve the right to settle by Treaty the treatment of their subjects, trade with Turkey, and other questions, both Ecclesiastical and National.
- 6.—Hostilities to continue till the conditions are agreed to.

#### Extravagant Demands.

A prolonged Conference of Ambassadors considered the Allies' reply. No secret was made of the fact that the conditions were regarded as extravagant. Nevertheless, the Ambassadors do not consider that the door of mediation is closed. The next step will be for the Powers to make recommendations to the Allies, hoping that, as a result, terms forming a more suitable basis for the conclusion of peace will be arrived at. The Allies' peace terms are generally regarded as complicating the situation and as unacceptable.

#### Turkish Surrenders.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople says a telegram from Essad, Pasha, the Turkish commander at Janina, states that the Turks only surrendered after accomplishing their duty and doing everything to safeguard their honour and prestige.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens wires that the Greeks in pursuing the Turks in North Epirus, attacked and routed the enemy's rear-guard, capturing 30 officers and 1,570 men.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN WAR.

#### GREEK POLICY.

Reuter's  
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London, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that Mr. Venizelos, the Premier, speaking in the Chamber, said Greece had to renounce Thrace, not because it was occupied by the Allies but for geographical reasons. Greece would have to insist on strict guarantees of freedom for the national religions of the peoples. Alluding to Greek relations with the Allies, the Premier said the difficulties of the question of territorial annexation must appear, for feelings of national exclusiveness were always strong; but he hoped that, despite everything, the difficulties would be surmounted. He was confident that the several Governments would have enough patriotism to appreciate the importance to the Balkans of concluding a line of policy which would have results very different from those of the former antagonism.

#### Samos Occupied.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Greeks have occupied Samos and have been given an ovation by the islanders.

#### The Hamidieh.

Reuter's correspondent at Alexandria wires that the cruiser Hamidieh has arrived there.

#### Turkish Policy.

It is semi-officially announced in Constantinople that the terms of the Allies are unacceptable but that the Porte will await the receipt of them from the Powers. Meanwhile Turkey is actively continuing military operations.

#### Allies Criticised.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia wires that in the Sobranje the Opposition criticised the Government's policy as regards the Allies, alleging that the Greeks and Serbians were persecuting the Bulgarians in the occupied territories with a view to denationalising them; and the Balkan Union was endangered by the Greco-Serbian territorial ambitions.

Some of the speakers claimed that Salonika should not be given to Greece.

The Minister of Finance, in replying to the Opposition, declared that the war was still unfinished and criticisms of the Government were therefore premature. The policy of the Government should be judged by results.

The Government appealed to the Opposition not to withdraw their support, because although Bulgaria might be confronted by enemies and rivals, the unanimity of the Sobranje would enable the country to realise its desires.

## BOXING.

### BOMBER WELLS KNOCKED OUT.

#### London, March 15.

A message from New York says that "Gunboat" Smith knocked out Bombardier Wells in the second round of a boxing match.

## CHAMBERLAIN FUND.

#### London, March 15.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's Birthday Shilling Fund totals 114,821 shillings. The money has been handed over to the Tariff Reform League.

## LADY CLIFFORD.

#### London, March 15.

According to a message from Aden (Gold Coast) Lady Clifford, is now quite out of danger and is regaining her strength.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE SUFFRAGETTES.

#### ATTACKED BY CROWD.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 15.

A hostile crowd of ten thousand people assembled at the usual suffragist meeting in Hyde Park Sunday to-day.

Mrs. Drummond mounting the platform-carriage the signal for the pandemonium to be let loose, and she was struck in the mouth with a clod of turf before she had uttered a word. She spoke for half an hour, though her voice was drowned in the uproar which prevailed.

There was a constant shower of oranges, turf, mud and stones. A young lady who followed in a speech-fare the same.

The police then closed the meeting and attempted to escort the women to the "tube" station, but the crowd overpowered them and drove the woman up and down Oxford Street for half an hour, traffic being stopped.

The police were reinforced and finally rescued the women, took them to the "tube" and closed the entrance thereto.

The majority of the women were severely mauled and their clothing was badly torn.

## THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

### "A SERIOUS MISTAKE."

#### London, March 15.

The "Times" considers that the provision in the Naval Estimates of only five battleships is a serious mistake, and can only be regarded as adequate on the assumption that either the New Zealand or the Malaya is retained in Home waters. As regards the Malaya, which will be of the same design as that of the Queen Elizabeth, many delicate and far-reaching issues were involved, the handling of which should engage the close attention of Parliament.

The "Times" doubtless refers to the recent official Paper showing that the Federated Malay States Dreadnought was not spontaneously offered by the Sultans of the respective States, but was suggested from an official quarter.

## PRINCESS MARY.

### CONFIRMED BY ARCHBISHOP.

#### London, March 15.

The Archbishop of Canterbury confirmed Princess Mary in the chapel at Buckingham Palace in the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family.

Princess Mary was attired in a simple white gown, while the veil she wore was that worn by Queen Mary at her own confirmation.

[Princess Mary, as is known, is the only daughter of King George and Queen Mary. Her full name is Princess Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary, and she will be 16 years of age on April 25th next.]

## THEIR MAJESTIES' POPULARITY.

### WARM WELCOME IN EAST END.

#### London, March 15.

Their Majesties the King and Queen were warmly cheered on driving in an open carriage through the City and the East End to inaugurate a new reservoir at Chingford, capable of providing two-thirds of London's water supply. Sunshine prevailed, and showers of beautiful flowers were erected along the route in the East End, and 600 children sang the National Anthem.

Special precautions were taken by the authorities to prevent the Suffragettes from making a scene.

## TELEGRAMS.

### UNIONIST DIFFERENCES.

#### A FRESH "SPLIT."

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 15.

The Liberal newspapers are making a feature of the speech of Mr. Austen Chamberlain on Thursday, his similar utterance yesterday evening, and the proceedings of the Tariff Reform League yesterday. They attribute the loss of the remarks to the election of an avowed "Free Trader," Colonel Weston, as candidate for the coming bye-election at Kendal.

Mr. E. A. Goulding, Unionist M. P. for Worcester yesterday said that if he had a vote at Kendal he would not support "a hick number" like Colonel Weston.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, who was a guest at a dinner of the Tariff Reform League on Friday, said that the limit of compromise had been reached, and the whole party must accept the Edinburgh policy if the compromise was to endure.

Mr. Chaplin said it was idle to pretend that there was peace in the party when there was no peace.

## THE BRITISH ARMY.

### AVIATION DEVELOPMENT.

#### London, March 15.

The "Daily Telegraph" says it has reason to believe that the Government has decided that the time has come to develop an Aerial Fleet. The Government might possibly create a new department, with a head responsible to Parliament, and with a Director of Aviation.

The Estimates. Later. The Army Estimate show a net increase of £300,000 and provide £234,000 for aviation. The principal increase in the Estimates are under the heads of Army Medical Corps, Territorial, Education, Supplies, Quarters, Clothing and Remounts.

## 'Varsity Sports.

### A TIE IN EVENTS.

#### London, March 15.

In dull and cheerless weather the Inter-Varsity Sports were contested at Queen's Club. There were 6,000 people present, including H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Oxford and Cambridge tied in the events, each having five wins.

[The contests began in 1870, and Cambridge now lead by 24 to Oxford's 22. There have been four ties—in 1884, 1889, 1912 and 1913.]

## BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

### SENTENCE ON A MURDERER.

#### London, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin wires that a Pole named Stenickel, who has terrorised Northern Germany for months, and who is supposed to have committed at least five murders, has been sentenced to death at Frankfurt-on-the-Oder, together with two accomplices in a triple farm murder.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

### AN IMPENDING LOAN.

#### London, March 15.

A loan is to be issued shortly by New South Wales of £3,000,000 bearing four per cent. interest. It will be issued at 98.

## U. S. AMBASSADOR.

### AN OFFER DECLINED.

#### London, March 15.

Mr. Richard Olney, who was offered the vacant position of United States Ambassador to Great Britain, has declined the post.

## TELEGRAMS.

### AN M.P.'S SEAT.

#### IMPORTANT INQUIRY.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 15.

The Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to determine whether Sir Stuart Samuel, M.P., is entitled to retain his seat now that his firm has had silver transactions with the Government of India, has resumed its sittings.

Mr. Danckwerts, K.C., for Sir Stuart, cited various Acts, ranging from William I. to George VI., in support of his contention that transactions with the Secretary for India-in-Council were not covered by law relating to the vacation of seats.

## THE BUSHIRE MURDER.

### CUSTOMS EMPLOYEE ARRESTED.

#### London, March 15.

A message from Teheran says that a Customs employee has been arrested and will be tried on the charge of murder in connection with the recent outrage on M. Constant and his wife, as a result of which the lady was killed and M. Constant seriously wounded.

## THE CYCLONE IN U. S. A.

### BIG DEATH-ROLL.

#### London, March 15.

A New York message says that 60 deaths are reported in the cyclone which swept over Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. A tornado a mile wide levelled buildings all along its path, causing damage to the extent of a million dollars in Chicago and the northern portion of Illinois.

## CANADA'S NAVAL POLICY.

### GOVERNMENT DETERMINED.

#### London, March 15.

Mr. Borden, replying to the congratulations of the Premier of British Columbia on the Government's Naval policy, said that the Government were firmly determined to press their proposals to a conclusion, notwithstanding the unworthy obstruction of Radical Obstruction.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that with the consent of Mr. Borden, the Dominion House of Commons rose at 11 p.m. on Saturday, thus concluding the longest continuous sitting of the Canadian Parliament yet recorded.

There were heated scenes throughout the day owing to members of the Opposition taking every opportunity to technically obstruct the discussion.

Mr. Borden, in agreeing to the adjournment, declared that while the rights of the minority must be respected, the authority of the majority must be recognised. The Government, he said, proposed to carry out that for which they had a mandate from the people.

The leader of the Opposition hoped the House would meet in better temper on Monday.

## FOOTBALL.

### INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

#### London, March 15.

The International Association football match between Scotland and Ireland, played at Dublin, resulted in a win for the former by 2 goals to 1.

England beat Scotland by 3 points to nil in the Rugby international, played at Twickenham on Saturday.

## TELEGRAMS.

### MAWSON EXPEDITION.

#### "AURORA'S" EXPERIENCES.

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[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 15.

A message from Hobart says that the Aurora has returned from the Antarctic without L. Mawson's party of six.

Accounts of the experiences show that the Aurora was herself for some time in considerable danger, only provisions sufficient for one year being on board, making starvation likely if the ship was caught in the ice. The Aurora went 131 degrees, day and night, threading her way through vast fields of pack ice. She took off the party of eight under Lieutenant Wild, who reported that he had taken possession of Great Britain of all the land from Kaiser Wilhelm Island to longitude 101.30deg. East, and South to 67.30, and named it King George V. Land.

## HOME POLITICS.

#### London, March 15.

The House of Commons has adopted the Address to the Throne.

## NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE NEWS CONDENSED.

New South Wales is shortly to issue a loan of £3,000,000.

There is a renewal of the Unionist dispute on the tariff question.

The Joseph Chamberlain Birthday Fund totalled 114,821 shillings.

In the inter-Varsity Sport, Cambridge and Oxford tied with five events each.

The Greeks have been warmly received by the islanders on occupying Samos.

The Greeks have captured 30 officers and 1,750 men from the Turks in North Epirus.

The deaths are announced of the Bishop of Lichfield and Mr. Hale White, the author.

The "Aurora" has arrived at Hobart from the Antarctic without D. Mawson's party of six.

Princess Mary has been confirmed by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Buckingham Palace chapel.

Scotland beat Ireland in Association football, and England overcame Scotland in a Rugby match.

Mr. Richard Olney has declined the offer of the position of United States Ambassador to London.

Mr. Borden has expressed the Canadian Government's firm intention of carrying through its naval policy.

The provision of only five battleships in the Naval Estimates is regarded by the "Times" as a serious mistake.

In a boxing-match at New York Bombar Wells was knocked out in the second round by "Gunboat" Smith.

The British Army Estimates show a net increase of £300,000, and provide £234,000 to be devoted to aviation.

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Their Majesties were warmly cheered on driving through the East End to inaugurate a new reservoir at Chingford.

The Greek Premier has delivered a noteworthy speech on the relations of the Allies, the tone of his remarks being hopeful.

The terms of the Allies in agreeing to mediation are regarded as extravagant, and as tending to complicate the situation.

The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh has sunk one and burned two Greek steamers engaged in the Adriatic as Serbian transports.

A suffragist meeting in Hyde Park was marked by hostile demonstrations, and the women were hunted through the streets.

A machine gun installed on the upper deck of a Zeppelin airship was handled with ease and precision, 500 rounds of ball cartridge being fired.

## LOCAL.

The "Court Cards" concluded their season in Hongkong last night.

The beginning of Holy week was observed at all the Catholic Churches yesterday.

Seven Japanese appeared this morning at the Supreme Court, to answer charges of conspiracy.

The yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Ltd. was held to-day.

The annual dinner of the Sergeant's Mess of the Hongkong Volunteers was held at headquarters on Saturday night.

The Chief Justice was recently presented with a silver salver by the members of the Law Society on the occasion of his marriage.

A race was held in connection with the C.Y.C. yesterday to decide which boats should compete in the final for Mrs. Clark's prize.

## DON'T FORGET.

### TO-DAY.

Bijon 9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.  
Court Cards Theatre Royal 9.15 p.m.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd. noon.  
Banknote case, Criminal Sessions.  
Sale of Crown Land P. W. D., 3 p.m.

### TO-MORROW.

Organ Recital St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m.  
Bijon 9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.  
Wednesday March 19.  
H.K. Golf Club meeting—5.30 p.m.  
Thursday March 20.  
The China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., meeting—noon.  
Entries Close H.K. Volunteers Res. Annual Rifle meeting—noon.  
Friday March 21.  
Selections from Messiah, St. John's Cathedral 9 p.m.  
Tuesday March 25.  
China Sugar Refining Co. meeting—noon.  
Luzon Sugar Refining Co. meeting—12.15 p.m.  
Saturday March 22.  
Boxing, City Hall 9 p.m.  
Wednesday March 20.  
H.K. Club Yearly General Meeting—6.15 p.m.  
Saturday March 23.  
Oxford and Cambridge Cricket H.K. Yearly Meeting.

## Notices

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South China Morning Post.

**Either Way Suits England.**  
As for the Motherland, her naval prestige stands to gain either way. The state of opinion in England is not a reasoned approval of the offered Dreadnoughts in themselves, but a feeling of gratitude and pleasure that the Dominion is willing to bear a share in the ever-growing burden of naval defense. So far as indications have gone the Laurier policy will be the more costly to Canada, but we believe that it will be more creditable to the Dominion; that it will lessen the burden of construction and manning (already a serious problem) upon the Mother Country, and that it will be more advantageous to the Empire as a whole. Clearly, as far as the Mother Country is concerned, if the late Premier's had been the first offer made, it would have been as joyfully accepted as Mr. Borden's gift of ships to be manned and maintained by the Imperial Government.

## Daily Press

## Chinese Politics.

**Chinese Politics.** We have seen the suggestion made in a Chinese paper that the members are neglecting their duties in pursuit of pleasure. Even while the National Assembly elections were in progress in the country it seems that there was always in the capital many more than enough members to form a quorum, so that "urgent business in their constituencies" cannot be pleaded as an excuse. At times the attendance of these paid legislators has fallen below twenty, and on one important occasion, even as low as eight. The Chinese papers are doing their duty by strongly condemning this apathy which has made the Council a by-word, and are appealing to the members of the new Assembly to set a better example. We may hope for improvement, but circumstances in connection with the elections in the provinces do not encourage confidence that the new Assembly will be better in this respect than the one it displaces. For example, we read that at Fochow, when the Democrats in the Provincial Assembly saw that the elections to the National Assembly were going against them, they left the Chamber in a body, so that the elections could not be completed. Something very similar has happened in the Provincial Assembly in Szechuan. These are described in one Chinese paper as "childish tactics." So they are; but in matters of democratic government China is a child, and politics, whether local or imperial, seem to be regarded more as a game than the serious business of patriotic men.

**China Mail**

**The Friendship of Politicians.**  
It is not necessary to deal with the whole matter in a cynical spirit. Everybody knows that there is a great deal of humbug in the loves of politicians, along with much deceit and no little harm to the public interests; but no one can deny that there may exist honest respect and personal liking between public men who belong to different parties. Because they disagree, it does not follow that they must distrust each other. One may fight a political principle or a given legislation measure to the extent of his powers and yet not feel compelled to believe that all who advocate it are scoundrels. And we may be sure that fewer high-minded gentlemen would go into politics if they felt it needful to carry party warfare into private relations, or if they did not believe that honourable men could differ in matters of national policy while remaining in private good friends.

**Railway Suggested from Mukden to Jehol.**  
The Mukden Tatun has telegraphed to the Central Government, suggesting the construction of a railway from Mukden to Jehol. The matter has been referred to the Ministry of Communications.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

## Japanese Aviation.

Last week Japanese army officers made successful flights with Tokugawa aeroplanes. These machines were made in Japan, with the exception of the motors which were purchased in France.

## Youthful "Marconi."

Ernest Rudge, a youth attending the Battersea Polytechnic, has invented a portable wireless telegraphic apparatus, by means of which he has already received messages from North Africa, London, and the Eiffel Tower, Paris.

## Servant Famine in Budapest.

The dearth of servants in Budapest has caused the city council to appropriate £30,000 for the construction of three municipal homes for servants, in connection with which a municipal employment bureau will be maintained.

## Japan Interport Football.

The twenty-fifth interport association football match played in Yokohama on March 1, between Yokohama and Kobe eleven, ended in a victory for the home team by four goals to one. Yokohama have now twelve games to their credit and Kobe seven, the remaining six being drawn.

## Foreigners in China.

The Government has ascertained that the number of foreigners residing in China including employees in the Customs and other Government offices is 153,522, of whom 78,408 are Japanese and 51,121 Russian subjects. The Ministry of Foreign Intercourse has put this census of foreigners on record for reference.

## Destruction of Opium.

The Opium Conference, immediately before adjournment, resolved upon an able and lengthy appeal to the Young Men's Christian Association and all missionary bodies and newspapers to institute a subscription list with a view to raising funds in all countries with which to purchase at cost price, and thereafter to burn, as large a portion as possible of the opium stocks at the treaty ports.

## The Forum Under Snow.

Rome, February 20.—Following a sharp fall in temperature, it has snowed heavily in Sicily and throughout the south of Italy during the past few days. Snow fell in Rome all this morning, covering the ground to a depth of some few inches. A number of foreign visitors have gone to the Forum and to the Colosseum to see the unwonted spectacle of the picturesque ruins covered with snow.

## For Keeping Disorderly House.

At the United States Court for China at Shanghai last Monday, before the Hon. Rufus H. Thayer, Judge, Miss Isabel Sothen pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping a disorderly house at No. 21 Tachimen, Hankow, contrary to the Penal Code of Alaska, section No. 127. His Honour said that as this was the accused's first time she had appeared before the Court, she would be fined Gold \$100 and costs of Court.

## American Gifts to Canton.

Mrs. Kennedy of New York City by a gift of \$25,000 has provided funds for an Administrative Building for Canton Christian College, which will be erected at once. A gift of \$3,500 from Mrs. Shanley is to be devoted to the equipment of the new Administrative building, which building will greatly facilitate classroom work in Martin Hall by removing the offices of the Executive, Bursar, Architect and Commandant, as well as the Bookstore into regular quarters.

## From Actor to Priest.

Baltimore, February 10.—The mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance from the stage of Michael Byrne of the Byrne brothers of "8 Bells" fame has been cleared. He has been in seclusion at St. Francis's Academy in Loretta, Pa., for the past four years and will be ordained a priest in June next. His son, Dr. John F. Byrne, a practicing physician, admitted to-day that his father is studying for the priesthood. Michael Byrne, who is fifty-four years old, has two sons, one of them an actor. His daughter, Miss Jessie Byrne, is a trained nurse in New York. After the death several years ago of his wife, Mr. Byrne decided to devote his life to religious work. He at first concluded to enter a monastery, but finally decided he could do better as a priest. It is stated that after his ordination he will be assigned to a parish in Atlanta.

## COST OF LIVING IN HONGKONG.

Statement by U.S. Consul General.

The continued high rate of exchange and the great uncertainty as to the future of silver are, states the American Vice-Consul-General A. E. Carleton, Hongkong, having serious effects on the economic situation in Hongkong, more particularly in connection with the cost of living. A careful analysis of the ordinary household expenses show that the cost of living is 30 per cent greater than in Shanghai, and in 1906 it was only 15 per cent, demonstrating that the conditions in the Colony are abnormal. Practically all the necessities are still at the same price as when the exchange was a great deal lower, notwithstanding the fact that the present rate is distinctly in favour of the importer, but China is now very much overloaded with imports, consequently the natural readjustment of conditions is not easy to bring about.

## Housing Problem is Serious.

The increase in house rent has also become a serious question and, unfortunately, there is no corresponding offset in the construction of new houses, and it is quite common for people to give up their homes and enter boarding houses. The great influx of Chinese during and after the revolution has caused house property to go up, and districts once entirely occupied by Europeans are now Chinese quarters. It seems evident that the Chinese, who have greatly swelled the population in the past year two, have come to stay, for they have brought considerable money into the Colony, investing heavily in property, &c. There are several housing schemes, such as the Kowloon Garden City proposition and the plan to erect a number of homes in Wongneichong; both of these are somewhat problematical, although the present extraordinary demand for sites should encourage promoters. Lots suitable in every way for building purposes are bringing big prices, and only the other day a plot of land brought over twice the amount of the upset price of the Government. In Kowloon there has been in the past year a great deal of building, chiefly on the apartment-house style; but the demands are too great to reduce the rentals at all, and, in fact, there is no apparent hope that the ruling rates of even two years ago can possibly obtain again.

Apparently the solution to this housing problem strongly urged by many people is to organise a building society, the membership being confined to those who wish to build or own their own homes. This appears a reasonable plan, as there is plenty of land both on the island of Hongkong and in Kowloon, and the Europeans might well co-operate, and perhaps could obtain Government assistance. To make the situation worse, there is no apparent compensation for the prevailing high rate of exchange and the increasing high cost of living. The big hongs are confronted with the demands for increased salaries of employees, and it seems evident that the problem must be faced sooner or later, as there is no apparent likelihood of any beneficial change. The Government civil servants have asked for an augmentation of 50 per cent to their salaries, and the Governor has promised to consider the request, and report same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

## The Labour Problem.

Some of the newspapers are urging the Government to import labour. Whereas a short time since coolies were employed at 0.20 gold per day now many are demanding and receiving 0.50 gold. The boycott of the tram line evidently has had a distinct bearing on this question of the increase in the price of labour. Late last fall the tailors asked and obtained an advance in pay of about 50 per cent, and again demands are being made for a greater increase, so that the price of clothing of all kinds has gone up far beyond that of a few years ago.

The cost of living in Hongkong has, it would appear, increased at a greater rate than either in England or the United States. In the Orient the native population are

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coming more and more to enjoy the greater luxuries of the Western civilisation, and in consequence the demand for all essentials has greatly increased without a corresponding increase in the supply. This fact is most noticeable in Hongkong, and other circumstances, such as the influx of many Chinese from Canton and the greater independence of the working classes have created artificial conditions which are likely to become permanent.

From 1895 to 1912 the rise in the price of food, clothing, and house rent amounted to 55 per cent, on an average, and for some articles even as high as 100 to 300 per cent, as compared with 1906, and to over 1,000 per cent in some cases as compared with 1896.

## SERVICE MATTERS.

## Appointed to the Defence.

Lieutenant W. T. Jones, who has been appointed to the cruiser Defence, China Squadron, has been in the service eight years, and was latterly serving in the Home Fleet.

## Posted to Tientsin.

Captain A. E. J. Wilson, Somerset Light Infantry, attached to the 1st Battalion at Borden, has been posted on absorption to the 2nd Battalion at Tientsin, North China, where he will join at an early date.

## Colonel Brownlow R.G.A.

Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. Brownlow, Royal Garrison Artillery, the new commandant of that arm of the service in the Straits Settlements, has served in the Royal Artillery for over 30 years.

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having joined it through Woolwich in October, 1882. He was promoted captain in 1891, major in 1900, and lieutenant-colonel in April, 1911, and has had a varied experience of active service. He saw his first service in the Zrob Valley Expedition of 1890.

## A Lower Deck M.P.

We are disclosing no secret when we state that strong representations have been made to Mr. Lionel Tuxley, the versatile and popular Naval writer for the "Hampshire Telegraph," to allow himself to be nominated for some Naval constituency at the next Election, in the hope that he may succeed with the help of the Lower Deck, whose cause he so ably advocates and whose representative he would be. This does not imply any lack of gratitude to the present members of the Naval ports, who lose no opportunity of supporting the men's reasonable demands; but it is considered that it would be a distinct advantage to be represented by one of them, a man who has served on the Lower Deck, and has personal knowledge and experience of all that makes for or mars contentment. As Portsmouth will be the only Naval port returning three members under the proposed scheme of redistribution, there is strong probability that Mr. Tuxley or some other selected candidate from the Lower Deck will be nominated.

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## THE DOG SHOW.

Notwithstanding a considerable number of drawbacks and difficulties, Hongkong has at last had its Dog Show, and those who engineered it may not unreasonably congratulate themselves on having accomplished what many well-informed people in the Colony prophesied would be impossible. The Show was the outcome of a short series of articles which appeared in the "Telegraph" from time to time, between last September and the New Year. We argued that a far greater number of social events in the Hongkong year was possible if the people would but take such matters into their own hands; also that the primary result of a dog show would be that owners would feel encouraged to take greater care as regards the condition of their dogs, and would prevent much of the "crossing" so common in the Colony, so that eventually the breed of dogs in Hongkong would be immeasurably improved.

Having succeeded, to some extent, in rousing the interest of our readers in the matter, we sought and obtained the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, for the projected show, and then approached various well-known sporting men of the community asking them to serve on a Committee. In most cases, our efforts were successful; and, in course of time, a Committee was formed to whose efforts the Colony is indebted for Saturday's Show. The opinions we have heard expressed thereon are very flattering, and encourage us to believe that the Dog Show will now become an annual event, as popular, in its way, as the Races, the Flower Show and the Interport Matches.

Before leaving the subject, we would remark that there is a significance in the list of exhibitors, as contained in Saturday's catalogue. On analysis, it will be found that only three of our Chinese fellow-citizens came forward to show their dogs, and only half a dozen Portuguese. This is a feature which we hope to see decidedly altered in next year's catalogue. Again, we see but one or two entries from the police and non-commissioned army officers, and none from blue-jackets; nor did many come from commissioned officers of either Service. We would like to see it generally recognised that the Show is for everyone, without distinction of class or nationality. Here the Continental section of the Hongkong public is to be congratulated on the active interest taken by them in the proceedings. To them, to the Committee and its energetic Honorary Secretary, Mr. Gresson, and to all who, by their ready and courteous help made the Show possible, the hearty thanks of our readers are due. In this connection we would single out as objects of special gratitude, the officials of the Jockey Club who placed their premises at the Committee's disposal, and, further, the generous donors of prizes, and the guarantors who undertook to see that the event should not fail for want of financial aid.

## St. Patrick's Day.

All over the Christian world to-day, Ireland's national festival will be observed, both religiously and socially; for the Irishman, like the Scot and the Chinese, is ubiquitous. We know of no Saint in the Calendar whose commemoration has acted so completely as a bond between men's hearts and minds as has that of the great Scots missionary whose influence made a refined and cultured people of the Irish at a time when most other Britishers were little moved from semi-nude savages. As we cannot help regretting that a motion to establish a St. Patrick's Society in Hongkong should have fallen flat; and we regret it the more, inasmuch as we understand that the Orangemen have a Lodge in this Colony. If they and the Scotsmen can succeed in establishing societies why cannot the pukka Irish of Hongkong, of whom there are many of all classes? Perhaps they will be persuaded to reconsider the matter, before another St. Patrick's Day comes round.

"Mark Rutherford." The death of Mr. W. Hale White—"Mark Rutherford"—which is announced to-day removes one of Britain's foremost literary men. Most probably Britain will now proceed to discover this fact which America discovered years and years ago. Just why the book-reading public at home should have failed to appreciate Mark Rutherford is not easy to explain. Partly, no doubt, it was due to the fact that Mr. Hale White was a reserved man whose own colleagues in a Government office had no idea, for years, that he was the author of certain notable books. An author has to get a trumpet blown for him in these days if he is to attract notice. Partly, too, the neglect of his books was due to the fact that they made little appeal to the average library reader who is most happy when he can sit in his easy chair and imagine himself transformed into "Otto of Bludberg" or some other equally dashing. If a book makes the average reader think, he has no use for it.

## A Doubting Hero.

The "hero" of "The Autobiography of Mark Rutherford," tortured by religious doubts and fears, whose inmost soul is laid quivering before the reader, makes no appeal to the careless reader. Similarly, the style of the "Autobiography," "The Deliverance," "Miriam's Schooling," and "The Revolution in Tanner's Lane" was too careful and severe to attract any except thinkers and scholars. Few authors have written their work with such cultured care. Some eight or nine years ago Mr. Fisher Unwin, greatly daring, issued five of Rutherford's novels at a shilling each, and the experiment was fairly successful; but he did not become the rage by any means. Still, from that point, "Mark Rutherford" came to be known, and it is a mark of something like fame that Rutherford thinks his death worth chronicling. Ten years ago that would not have been at all likely. We wonder, by the way, how many of the book-reading public in Hongkong know even "Mark Rutherford's" name?

## The Tariff Tangle.

The renewal of the tariff dispute, coming hard on the recent "understanding," is galling in the extreme to those who wish to see the Unionist party once again in office. When the telegram came through giving an outline of Mr. Austen Chamberlain's speech before the Tariff Reform League, we scented trouble. He spoke of the "great and bitterly felt sacrifices" which he, and others had made in the interests of party unity, but said they did this without abandoning one single aim and on condition that the others were equally loyal; adding that if that condition was not observed they could not be asked to persist in the sacrifice. The latest utterance of Mr. Chamberlain is that the limit of compromise has been reached; while we have Mr. Chamberlain declaring that it is idle to pretend that there is peace in the party when there is no peace. The situation is fraught with danger. Mr. Asquith and his colleagues are born tacticians, and, if the differences develop, it is quite within the sphere of possibility that the Liberals may choose a fitting moment on which to go to the country.

## DAY BY DAY.

It is easy enough to start some thing, but it is not always so easy to stop it when you have had enough.

## The Mails.

Siberian Mail—Despatched per s.s. Chinkha at midnight on Saturday.

Siberian Mail—Closes per s.s. Linan at 5 p.m. to-day.

## St. Patrick's Day.

To-day is St. Patrick's Day and is being quietly observed by Irishmen in the Colony.

## "Dope" Again.

For being in unlawful possession of opium, a man was fined \$25, at the Police Court, this morning.

## Feast of St. Joseph.

Wednesday is the feast of St. Joseph. Divine Service will be conducted in St. Joseph's Church at 9 a.m.

## Station Leave.

Station leave is granted to Major F. A. Dickinson and Capt. G. C. Tracey, 2nd Bn. D.O.L.I., from 15th to 18th March.

## Tai O Market.

Tenders are being invited for the preparation of site and the erection of a Market at Tai O. No work will be permitted on Sundays.

## Government House.

Lady May is giving an "At Home" at Government House this afternoon. The inclement weather, however, naturally made tennis impossible.

## Church Improvement.

The left wall of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Kowloon, has been pulled down and an extension is to be erected. The church bore a strange appearance yesterday during Mass.

## Medical Duties.

The duties of Deputy Director of Medical Services and Officer Commanding R.A.M.C., South China, will be carried out by Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Younan, I.M.S., during the absence on leave of Colonel J. M. Irvine, A.M.S.

## Seamen's Mission Chaplain.

The Rev. Dr. D. Reynolds, B.A., the new Chaplain to the Seamen's Mission will be inducted by the Lord Bishop of Victoria at St. Peter's Church to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock. All friends are invited to be present.

## Departures.

The following details having embarked on s.s. "Namsang," for conveyance to Calcutta, on 13th instant, are struck off strength of the Command accordingly:—R.K.S.B., R.G.A.—1 man, 1 woman and 3 children; 24th (Hawara) Mountain Battery, 1 man; 25th Punjab 8 N.C.O.s and men; 26th Punjab 2 men; 128th Baluchistan Infantry—1 man.

## Police Clothing.

Tenders are being invited for the making up and supply of the undermentioned summer clothing for the use of the Police Department:—24 Suits Cotton Drill, for Inspectors, &c.; 800 Suits Drabette, for Europeans and Indians; 400 Suits Drabette, for Chinese; 700 Pairs of Shoes, for Chinese; 400 Pairs of Stockings, for Chinese; 400 Pairs of Garters, for Chinese and 100 Bamboo Hats.

## Notice to Mariners.

It is notified that information has been received from the Coast Inspector, Maritime Customs, Shanghai, that a recent survey of the south-eastern approach to the Taishek Barrier, Block Reach, Canton River, shows that the shoal to the south-eastward of the Barrier has extended down river to abreast of Hamilton Creek, and has a least depth of 4 feet of water over it at low water of spring tides.

## Lieut. Hanning-Lee, R. N.

Lieutenant F. C. Hanning-Lee, from the retired list, has been appointed to take charge of the charts and chronometers at Hong Kong, and will be borne on the books of the "Tamar" whilst employed. Lieutenant Hanning-Lee is a specialist in such matters, and served in the fleet from 1899 to 1905, when he retired, and was subsequently employed in the chart and chronometer office at Sheerness. He was a member of the "Tamar" during the Boxer campaign in 1900, and served at Tientsin with the Naval Brigade.

## HONGKONG DOG SHOW.

Notes and Comments on Saturday's Event.

## [SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

To criticize closely Hongkong's first Dog Show would be unfair and ungenerous to those who did everything in their power to make it a success. Moreover it was a success, despite bad weather, despite the comparatively small number of entries, despite everything. Our contention all along has been that there were dogs in Hongkong well worth showing; and this has been proved to be a fact. We further maintained, from the beginning, that an annual show would be an inducement to owners to exercise greater watchfulness over their dogs; and, on all sides, we hear that this undoubtedly will be the case.

One very natural outcome of this newly-awakened interest in the dog world is a suggestion—if it be too premature to call it a movement—that is already stirring among some of the influential sportsmen of Hongkong, in favour of the establishment of a local Kennel Club. We believe that such a club will be founded before very long and that future dog-shows will be held under its auspices.

## Hope for Improvement.

The more encouragement from all quarters given to dog-owners, the greater will be the improvement in the breeds. New animals of good strain will gradually be imported, and the number of mongrels will become "beautifully less." However hard and conscientiously its members may work, a committee chosen more or less haphazard has not the authority which a properly constituted Kennel Club would possess. One of the first acts of such a Club would be, we imagine, to take the Dog Show entirely into its own hands and to allow no exhibit to be entered that was not registered on its books. Then another matter. We complained on Saturday, in our account of the Show, that exhibits were removed at an absurdly early hour; and, since then, many late visitors to Happy Valley have made the same complaint to us. At all future shows the rule observed at home, which forbids the removal of an exhibit from the custody of the Committee till the close of show will, we hope, be rigidly adhered to. In three—and only three—cases, on Saturday, was permission given to exhibitors, living at a distance, to remove their dogs early in the afternoon. Others promptly followed the example, with the result that business men, who were unable to reach the Happy Valley till perhaps three o'clock, had the felicity of meeting on their way a number of dogs which they had come to see at the Show. One man observed that he had paid fifty cents to see the winners, and saw next to none.

Objections such as this would speedily be removed by the stringent regulations which a Kennel Club would lay down, and we look forward to hearing that Hongkong sportsmen are approaching the Club at home with a view to getting a local club affiliated to it.

## Notes on the Entries.

We draw attention to some notes on the entries which appeared below the prize list in our issue of Saturday. It will be seen that, large as the Fox-terrier (smooth) class was, there was not a really number one dog in it. This is a matter which can easily be remedied another year. A well-bred Fox-terrier is more easily acclimatized in Hongkong than a sporting dog or than the beautiful German hounds that were shown on Saturday and doubtless, among the anticipated importations to the Colony, some good animals of this class may be looked for. Among the wire-haired terriers, two might well have appeared in a home show; and the same may be said of some of the bull-terriers the Aberdeens and the Champion ship classes. Ideas seem to differ as to what constitutes an Irish terrier; many of the animals shown as such were no more Irish than a dachshund; (apropos, the Dachs Class was very disappointing and, in the opinion of the judges, did not contain a dog that would have got even a third prize in Europe.)

Accidentally, in our report of the prize-winners, we mentioned Mrs. F. O. Mason Hurley's pointer, "Glen," as winning second prize. There was no such prize in this class; the dog was "highly commended" and so achieved as much distinction as though the class had been large enough to admit of a second prize being offered.

## Thanks.

It only remains once more to express our thanks to the patrons and the members of the Committee, to the donors of prizes, the stewards and judges, and to the following gentlemen who so kindly guaranteed the expenses connected with the Show:—

Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt. O. M. G. Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Hon. Mr. Shelton, Messrs. N. J. Stabb, G. T. Edkins, H. A. Siebs, R. Lauranz, G. Frieland, E. Ono, H. P. White, C. Schroter, T. F. Hough, W. Dickson, Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. H. J. Gedge, F. B. Deacon, D. M. Ross, J. H. McMurtrie, C. H. Blason, L. N. Lee, Captain Douglas, Messrs. G. Lieb, J. E. Gresson, and J. Paterson.

## THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

## Presentation by Law Society.

The Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., was recently presented with a silver service, by the members of the Hongkong Law Society, on the occasion of his marriage.

The address which accompanied the gift was signed by every solicitor in the Colony, and the presentation was made by Mr. O. D. Wilkinson, chairman of the Society.

## ALLEGED ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this afternoon a Chinese was charged on remand by L. S. Wills which being concerned in a robbery with violence at No 3 Coronation Terrace.

Wong Chai Wan, a retired druggist of 3 Coronation Terrace, said that on March 2 last he retired to bed and was awakened at 2 a.m. by cries. He was seized by the defendant by the throat, and was told that if he made a noise he would be stabbed to death. Defendant had two or three men with him. One of the robbers asked for his keys, and he handed them to him. The men then opened some boxes and removed the contents. They were in the house about half-an-hour. Property in money and jewellery to the value of \$400.50 was stolen but three gold rings were recovered.

Corroborative evidence was given by the other inmates of the house.

The case had not concluded as we went to press.

## NEEDLESS SECRECY.

The Admiralty have taken a further step towards secrecy concerning Naval affairs, says a Home paper. Reference has already been made to the order prohibiting the taking of photographs or sketches of His Majesty's ships and the threat of proceedings against anyone who may contravene the Official Secrets Act. Now they have gone further by eliminating from the Navy List the details of ships armaments. To be consistent, this will have to be followed by an injunction against the publishers of "The Royal Navy List," Mr. Jane's "Fighting Ships," the "Navy League Annual," the "Fleet Annual," and other works of reference in which such details have been freely given. Whether, when all is done, they will succeed in keeping the information from our rivals is very much open to doubt. When once a new ship is in commission it is not a difficult task for a person of inquiring mind and persuasive manners to find out all he or she wants to know concerning the ship, even from those whose patriotism is without taint, and we shall wonder is a fool's paradise if we suppose that the Admiralty will effect more than the keeping of their own countrymen in the dark.

## SPECIAL CABLES.

## THE OPIUM QUESTION.

## The Latest Step.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, March 17.

Mr. Archibald C.I.E. of the British Legation in Peking, and Mr. King, of the British Consulate at Chengtu, have been appointed, with Chinese officials, to investigate poppy-growing in Hunan, Anhui and Shantung, with a view to the closure of opium.

## TELEGRAMS.

## AIRSHIP GUNNERY. IMPORTANT RESULTS.

## Reuter's.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, March 15.

A message from Friedrichshafen states that a Zeppelin airship made a trial, in a strong wind, with a machine-gun mounted on the upper deck. Five hundred rounds of ball cartridge were fired, and the gun was handled with precision and ease. The results are regarded as most important.

## NATIONAL SERVICE. LORD ROBERTS ACTIVE.

London, March 15.

Lord Roberts received great ovations at Wolverhampton last evening. He addressed two meetings, each attended by several thousand people, one of them being presided over by the Mayor of Wolverhampton. He also spoke to a throng of people in the Square.

## OBITUARIES.

London, March 15.

The death has taken place of Mr. William Hale White, the author, who wrote under the pseudonym of "Mark Rutherford." The death is also announced of the Bishop of Lichfield (the Right Rev. Dr. Augustus Legge, D.D.), his demise being very sudden.

Mr. Doughty, the oldest clown in England, is dead.

[The late Mr. White was formerly Assistant Director of Contracts to the Admiralty. His chief publications were:—The Autobiography of Mark Rutherford, 1885; The Revolution in Tanner's Lane, 1887; Miriam's Schooling, 1890; Spinoza's Ethics; Spinoza's Emendation of the Intellect; Catherine Farze, 1894; Clara Hopgood, 1895; A Description of the Wordsworth and Coleridge MSS. in the possession of Mr. T. Norton Longman, 1897; An Examination of the Charge of Apostasy against Wordsworth, 1898; Pages from a Journal 1900; John Bunyan, 1895; Johnson's Rambler, Selections with Preface, 1907; More Pages from a Journal; Papers in the "Nation." The Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, D.D., Bishop of Lichfield since 1891, was 73 years of age. He was the fifth son of the Earl of Dartmouth. Educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, he was ordained in 1854 and was Hon. Canon of Rochester and Chaplain to Bishop Thorold of Rochester from 1877 to 1891. From 1879 to 1891 he was also Vicar of Lewisham, while he was Rural Dean of Greenwich from 1880 to 1886 and of Lewisham till his elevation to the Bishopric of Lichfield.]

The Late Captain J. Maitland Lennox.

Captain John Maitland Lennox, late R.M.L.I., died at Chelsea on January 31st, aged 80. Captain Lennox was the last surviving son of Lieutenant-Colonel Lord George Lennox, M.P., who was the second son of the fourth Duke of Richmond and Lennox. Lord George Lennox was born in 1793, so that the lives of father and son extended over nearly 120 years. Captain Lennox was born on July 1st, 1833. He served as orderly officer to Colonel Graham, R.M., during the operations against the Boer command Forts in August, 1894, receiving the medal.

## BANK NOTE CASE.

Japanese appear to Answer Charges of Conspiracy.

Involving the appearance of six barristers, and the eventual calling of twenty nine witnesses for the prosecution, the case was commenced before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies K.C., sitting in Criminal Jurisdiction, in which seven Japanese appeared to answer charges of conspiracy.

The persons charged were Buicho Furukawa, Shikukichi Ito, Keiko Nagao, Kiyoto Nishiyama, Fukugo Sano, Ki Kikazawa, and Takao Tanabe, alias Ryuo Tanabe, and they were charged that on June 20, 1912, and on divers dates up to December 23, that they did conspire to obtain and acquire for persons, who would be induced to purchase or accept certain false and forged current money notes, for \$5 each purporting to be issued by the military government of Kwantung, large sums of money.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty.

The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. J. A. S. Buckill, Mr. E. H. Sharpe K. C., Mr. M. W. Slade K. C., with whom was Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Dennis and Bowley, appeared for the prosecution, Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Masujima, instructed by Mr. R. S. Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the first three defendants, one of whom, Kotaro Kadoishi, did not appear on account of illness, and the remainder were defended by Mr. E. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. J. M. Gardiner.

In the case of No. 3, it was announced that he was suffering from diphtheria, and a nolle prosequi was entered.

Before the prisoners pleaded, Mr. Alabaster took the preliminary point, that the prisoners were committed to the February sessions, and as they were not then put on their trial, they were entitled to their immediate discharge.

His Lordship:—I have nothing to say beyond the judgment I gave before.

A second point was also raised by the same counsel who urged that the Crown should elect whether they would proceed against the first six or the last two, first. The indictment charged all the defendants with conspiring in the colony, but it was not suggested that the last two defendants were ever in the Colony until the others had been arrested.

It was agreed that the point could be taken after the opening.

## A Question.

Mr. Jenkin said he must ask the prosecution to answer one question. Was it not a fact that the prosecution was conducted at the instance of the Revolutionary Government of China?

The Chief Justice:—I don't know what the answer to that will be, but the Court does not take cognisance of that. The indictment must be in the name of the Attorney General, preferring it on behalf of the Crown. Whatever their instructions may be, even if they are by the Government of China, I can take no cognisance of it.

Mr. Sharpe said that the Crown was prosecuting.

Mr. Jenkin remarked that that was an obvious answer; the Crown must prosecute. But he wanted to know whether, as a matter of fact, the prosecution was not being made at the instance of the Revolutionary Government.

The Chief Justice:—The only indictment before the Court is that "The Court is informed by the Attorney General on behalf of our Lord the King," and is signed by the Attorney General. The Court can take cognisance of no other point.

Prosecution at Whose Instance?

Mr. Jenkin:—If I am prosecuted in this Colony by a private prosecutor, that private prosecutor must appear under the cloak of the Crown, but that does not prevent me in certain events of acquittal, although he acts under the cloak of the Crown, from taking certain proceedings against him.

His Lordship:—Malicious prosecution?

Mr. Jenkin:—Quite.

(Continued on page 9.)

## PALM SUNDAY OBSERVANCES.

Close of Father Lynch's Mission.

The beginning of Holy Week was observed at all the Catholic Churches of the Colony yesterday by the blessing and distribution of palms and the reciting of the Passion from St. Matthew's Gospel. At the Cathedral there was a well arranged procession of palm-bearers, followed by Solemn High Mass.

At St. Joseph's Church, palms were distributed by the Rev. Fr. Augustine Placek before the 10 o'clock Mass. A short but exceedingly impressive sermon on the Passion was preached by the Rev. Fr. Lynch, C. S. S. R., who took for his subject "Gethsemane, the Praetorium, Calvary."

Last night, at the Cathedral, the well-known Redemptorist Father brought a most highly successful Mission to a close. The building was filled to overflowing by a reverent congregation that had come, candle in hand, solemnly to renew their baptismal vows. Father Lynch thanked his hearers for their co-operation throughout the Mission and exhorted them to remain steadfast in their Faith. Nowadays, he said, there could be no doubt that Catholics had won the respect of non-Catholics; but he added—nothing could exceed, and rightly, the contempt that a Protestant felt for a Catholic who did not live up to his profession. Fr. Lynch then pronounced the Papal blessing, and the service closed with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## BIJOU THEATRE.

Saturday night's programme at the Bijou is, like every other one issued by this enterprising little theatre, extremely good. Being St. Patrick's tide, most of the songs have an Irish flavour and no one should miss hearing Miss Stephano's beautiful rendering of "Come back to Erin," and "Kathleen Mavourneen." Miss Violet Bonetta is also giving "Take me back to old Killarney," and her brightness and cleverness continue to form no inconsiderable attraction to the Bijou's patrons. An event to be looked forward to is the arrival in Hongkong of the film portraying Victor Hugo's celebrated novel, "Les Misérables," which will be exhibited about the end of the month at the Victoria, under the joint management of the two theatres. The film is the longest ever produced and takes over three hours to show. When it was exhibited at Shanghai, late-comers found barely standing-room.

As usual, Mr. Bob Stephenson is offering the "Bijou Cup"—a prize well worth winning—to the competitors at the Lusatano Club's sport on Easter Monday.

## "Graft" Confession.

New York, February 10.—The extraordinary grand jury which is investigating municipal "graft" has indicted Captain Thomas W. Walsh on a charge of receiving bribes. Captain Walsh, who has been lying critically ill, recently called to his bedside the district attorney, Mr. Whitman, and confessed that he had shared in the "graft" collections levied from disorderly resorts. The grand jury has also indicted Mr. E. J. Jewell, a lawyer, for inducing a witness not to appear, and a policeman named C. E. Faye on a charge of perjury.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

Dinner of the Sergeants Mess.

Regimental Sergeant Major Higby presided at the annual dinner of the Sergeants Mess of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, held at the headquarters on Saturday night. The hall was tastefully decorated and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Sergeant Bullock proposed the toast of the officers and said the officers were the mainstay of the Corps. He was glad to welcome Major Pritchard back to the Colony—a former commandant of the Volunteers (Applause).

Captain Skrimshire responded to the toast and said the efficiency of the Corps was largely due to the smooth working between the officers and the sergeants.

The toast of "Our Guests" and coupled with the toast the name of Major Pritchard.

The toast was cordially honoured.

Major Pritchard said that it was six years since he commanded the Corps. When he left he never expected to come back to the Colony again and he was very glad to be again amongst them. He thought there ought to be no difficulty in finding 300 good men to serve as volunteers in the Colony.

Mr. J. F. Reid also responded.

Captain Armstrong proposed the Sergeants Mess toast.

The Chairman responded.

The toast of The Instructors was honoured on the call of the Chairman, and Sergeant Basher replied.

A capital musical programme was presented during the evening.

## THE COURT CARDS.

Final Appearance this Evening.

The "Court Cards" are to bring their present season in Hongkong to a close to-night. It is announced that H. E., Sir Henry May and Lady May and party are to be present; an entire change of programme is to be made; and there is sure to be a bumper house to give this versatile company of artists a good send-off. Hongkong has not for many a long day had an opportunity of seeing so clever a company, and its appreciation to-night is certain to be generous.

Despite the wet weather there was a large audience present on Saturday and it was particularly enthusiastic. The members of the company were at their best, and every item was splendidly rendered. Both Miss Marsden Owen and Miss Maude Fane were seen to great advantage, and the male members of the company were not behind. Mr. Palmer's regimental song was about the hit of the evening.

## VARIATIONS OF TEMPERATURE.

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## Biplane Wrecked.

One of the Army aeroplanes, a tractor No. 2 biplane, came to grief on February 10 in Regent's Park, close to the Beaver Walk, and for the greater part of the day was lying in a partially wrecked condition, surrounded by a crowd of curious sightseers. The machine was being piloted by Captain Darbyshire, of the Royal Flying Corps, who left Farnborough at 9.5 a.m. intending to fly to Uxbridge. When he arrived over London about 10 o'clock some trouble developed with the engine, and, choosing a fairly clear space in the park, he descended, but the haze was so thick that he was unable to judge the distance properly, and the machine fell heavily to the ground, plunging its way through the turf. Captain Darbyshire escaped without personal injury. The damage to the machine is estimated at £200.



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## HOME NEWS.

The Latest Mails in Summary.

An attempt was made on February 19, as Reuter reported at the time, to blow up a house which is being built for Mr. Lloyd George near Walton Heath Golf Links, in Surrey. Five rooms in the servants' wing were badly damaged by a bomb explosion. A second bomb, which had failed to explode, was found in the main part of the building. There was nobody in the house at the time of the explosion, but a dozen men were due to begin work on it 20 minutes afterwards.

The failure of the second bomb, had the effect of revealing the modus operandi of these responsible for the outrage, which had been planned with great care. In the cupboard stood a small square, tightly-corded tin, containing black powder. The slide of the canister had been opened, and two fuses, consisting of rag soaked in paraffin, had been inserted in the aperture. These fuses trailed along the floor for some distance to a heap of shavings, also saturated in paraffin, and set up in the midst of these was a candle. The wick of the candle had been lighted, but three inches of tallow still remained when the searchers found it.

Admission by Mrs. Pankhurst.

The officials at the headquarters of the Women's Social and Political Union disclaimed all knowledge of the affair, but Mrs. Pankhurst, speaking at Cardiff at night, claimed the outrage as the work of suffragists.

Mrs. Pankhurst compared the militant campaign to the revolt in Mexico. She said that all the members of the Mexican Government, except the Prime Minister, who had run away, were in prison. The women of this country had not all the members of the Liberal Government in prison, but they had blown up the Chancellor of the Exchequer's house (cheers and interruption). Mrs. Pankhurst proceeded to attack Mr. Lloyd George, and to a questioner who asked: "Why did you blow him up?" she replied: "To wake him up." She added that the women entirely "held up" telephonic and telegraphic communication between London and Glasgow on the previous Saturday week. On Tuesday night, while an army of men were guarding popular golf links not far away, a very successful piece of guerrilla warfare was effected by the attack on the home of Mr. Lloyd George. She was prepared to accept responsibility for all the acts that women would feel themselves driven to do. For all that had been done she accepted responsibility. She had advised, she had incited, she had conspired, and the authorities need not look for the women who had done what they did the previous night. She personally accepted responsibility for it.

German Naval Plans.—How premature were the rejoicings in certain quarters, both in Germany and England, over the imminence of an Anglo-German naval agreement following Admiral von Tirpitz's statements to the Budget Committee of the Reichstag on February 7, was clearly indicated by the full text

of his speech which was officially published on February 18. Admiral von Tirpitz declared that no negotiations for regulating the balance of naval strength were in progress or had been in progress for a long time. He affirmed that "nothing was known" in Berlin of any readiness on the part of Great Britain to enter upon such negotiations, and it was therefore "absolutely incorrect" that Germany had ever rejected such a proposal. If a serviceable agreement ever were arrived at the German Naval Law would have served its purpose. But if there were a formal agreement there would also have to be "guarantees" for its fulfilment, and therein lay the difficulty. He warned the country against the fallacy of approaching the delicate question of an agreement by "turning at each other with open arms." He reiterated in detail the familiar argument as to the purely defensive character of the German naval armaments. Mr. Churchill's suggestions of a sixteen to ten proportion in Dreadnoughts was acceptable to Admiral von Tirpitz for "the battle fleet." Mr. Churchill's comparison of British and German naval strength in 1912 contained "certain gaps," but the German acceptance of the sixteen to ten proportion indicated that Germany does not intend and had not intended to compete with England. It gave Germany such a measure of power that it would be difficult to attack her. The supplementary Bill of 1912 was intended less to bring about a gradual strengthening of the fleet than to make the battle fleet more quickly ready for war. There was no intention of going beyond the present dimensions of the Naval Law.

## New French President.

M. Raymond Poincaré, the ex-Premier, commenced his term of office as the new President of the Republic in succession to M. Fallières on February 18. For the first time in the history of the Republic the Paris Municipal Council signified the occasion by inviting the new Chief of State to a reception at the Hotel de Ville, the retiring President and his predecessor, M. Loubet, being present. Despite the wintry weather and icy wind, Parisians turned out in their thousands to do honour to M. Poincaré. The warmth of their welcome could not be overestimated. The two Presidents, the old and the new, took their places in the state landau, and by way of the Champs Elysees, the Palace des Concorde, and the Rue de la Paix, they passed through the streets of the city, standing packed from the kerb to the wall, cheered loudly and shouted continually, "Vive le Président," and "Vive l'Armée." This last cry, taken in conjunction with the decision of the Government to announce the previous day to spend £25,000,000 more on the national defence, was taken as significant of the universal approval given to the Government's proposal. All along the route the people manifested the liveliest satisfaction at the arrival of M. Poincaré. Never has any President received a more cordial ovation.

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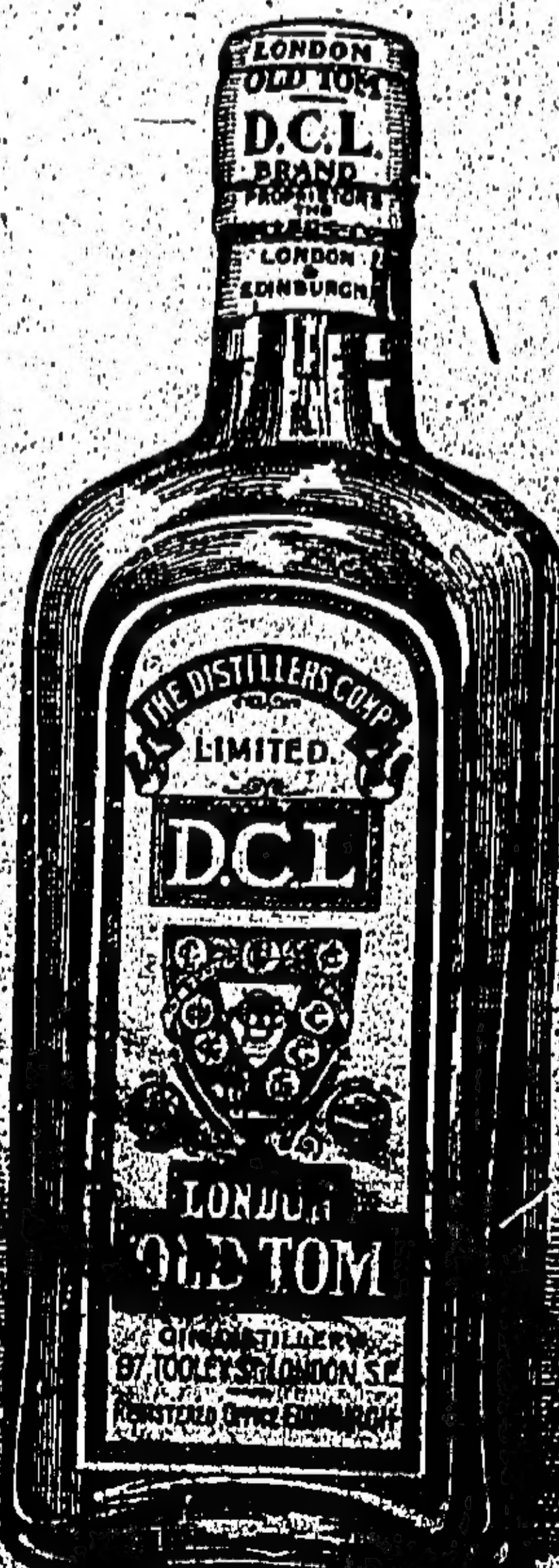
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ports on March 16.

## Life Boat Tickets

A novelty in the way of tickets  
for lifeboats has been introduced  
by a Japanese steamship com-  
pany engaged in passenger traffic,  
says the "Cable News American."  
There is a coupon attached to the  
regular ticket "reserving" a cer-  
tain seat in a certain lifeboat for  
the holder, and the purchaser is  
requested immediately upon  
going aboard to become familiar  
with the location of his boat and  
the seat that has been allotted  
him. While it is altogether  
probable that the coupon itself in  
many instances would not be  
available when it was wanted  
most, the fact that it had  
been issued and that a pas-  
senger had made himself ac-  
quainted with his particular lo-  
cation in the event of accident  
would seem to have a moral effect,  
the value of which is almost in-  
calculable. If the request of the  
company is observed, and each  
passenger makes it his or her  
business to ascertain where he or  
she belongs in time of crisis,  
every occupant of the boat would  
become automatically a factor in  
a life-saving drill and confusion  
would be reduced to a minimum,  
always granting, of course, that  
the passengers do not become  
panic-stricken. There seems to  
be merit in the experiment. At  
least it assures the holder that  
sufficient lifeboat accommodation  
has been provided to guarantee  
him a place.

## The Future of Liquid Fuel.

Hitherto it has only been pos-  
sible to turn the advantages of  
oil fuel over coal to practical ac-  
count in America and Russia. It  
was only in those countries that  
owing to the number of springs  
present, "masut" or crude oil  
was to be had cheap; in factit proved cheaper in consumption  
than coal. This material, which  
is only found in small quantities  
in Germany, was rendered more  
expensive here by means of the  
duty imposed on it, which duty  
has now been reduced 50 per cent  
in the cost of all oils used in the  
propulsion of motor vehicles. It  
is only quite of late years that a  
by-product of coal tar has been  
used as a substitute for the liquid  
fuel obtained from foreign coun-  
tries. This is the so called coal-  
tar oil, which has a high heating  
value and has proved itself ex-  
tremely serviceable for the various  
purposes hitherto served by  
"masut." This is a very impor-  
tant matter, as, since the Diesel  
motor has come more and more  
into use, especially for marine  
purposes, liquid fuel has been  
growing dearer and dearer. But  
considerable improvement had to be effected in  
the burners generally used for oil  
heating before this new material  
could successfully compete with  
the high-priced "masut." But  
now a burner has been put upon  
the market which answers all  
requirements. Here we have a  
process by means of which the  
oil passes into a current of air  
separating the particles and  
causing them to revolve, which  
process is repeated on leaving  
the burner. This produces an  
intensive form of combustion  
and enables the latter to be easily  
regulated. Consequently, coal-  
tar oil used in this manner is  
quite the equal of "masut" in  
the production of heat for power  
purposes. The invention of this  
new burner will also enable coal-  
tar oil to be utilized for smelting.  
The high cost of "masut" made  
it impossible for it to compete  
with solid fuel for this purpose.  
But coal-tar oil will now not be  
much dearer than the coal neces-  
sary for the same work. At the  
same time it will have the  
great advantage of doing away  
with the highly objectionable  
blisters, pores and impurities  
frequently found in castings.  
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don, left Singapore on the 12th  
inst. a.m. and may be expected  
to arrive here on the 18th inst.The Bank Line s.s. Bilbester left  
Moji on the 13th inst., and is ex-  
pected to arrive here on the 19th  
inst.The Mogul Line s.s. Ghazee  
from United Kingdom left Singa-  
pore on the 13th inst., morning,  
and is therefore due here on the  
18th inst.The P. & O. s.s. Nore is ex-  
pected to arrive at Singapore on the  
15th inst., p.m., and is expected to  
leave Singapore on the 17th inst.  
a.m.The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru  
left Honolulu for Yokohama on  
the 27th ult., and is due in Hong-  
kong on the 20th inst.The Mogul Line s.s. Lothian  
sailed from the United Kingdom,  
on the 26th ult., for the Far-East  
via Straits.The S. E. A. Co. s.s. Japan left  
Port Said on the 26th ult., and is  
expected to arrive here on the  
20th inst.Asahi Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,749, Na-  
kano, 12th Mar.—Saigon  
8th Mar., Rice.—M. B. K.Choong Shing, Br. s.s., 1,255, Lid-  
dell, 15th Mar.—Tientsin  
9th Mar., Gen.—J. M. &  
Co.Olara Jebson, Ger. s.s., 1,103, Ja-  
cobson, 14th Mar.—Saigon  
10th Mar., Rice.—J  
& Co.Cleveland, Ger. s.s., 1,027, Dum-  
proff, 15th Mar.—Tientsin  
10th Mar., Ballast—  
H. A. L.Dagny, Nor. s.s., 882, Silveken,  
13th Mar.—Bangkok 5th  
Mar., Rice.—T. & Co.Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940,  
A. J. Farley, 14th Mar.—  
Vancouver, B.C. 2nd  
Feb., Gen.—O. P. R. Co.Halvard, Nor. s.s., 1,066, Ander-  
sen, 13th Mar.—Bang-  
kok via Swatow 11th  
Mar., Rice.—T. & Co.Hyndford, Br. s.s., 2,775, Horne,  
11th Mar.—Sabang 27th  
Feb., Oil.—S. O. Co.Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,025, O. P. Cole,  
14th Mar.—Manila 11th  
Mar., Gen.—B. & S.Kineall, Br. s.s., 2,252, Saunders,  
11th Mar.—Milke 6th  
Mar., Coal.—D. & Co.Keongwat, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Joh-  
kohler, 12th Mar.—Bang-  
kok 4th Mar., Rice.—B  
& S.Kwelin, Br. s.s., 1,050, Mills, 6th  
Mar.—Canton 5th Mar.,  
Gen.—B. & S.Locksun, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Tabert,  
14th Mar.—Fangkok and  
Swatow 13th Mar., Rice.  
—B. & S.Lyemsoon, Ger. s.s., 1,236, Sath,  
10th Mar.—Saigon 6th  
Mar., Gen.—H. A. L.Nile, Br. s.s., 3,150, Lapral, 11th  
Mar.—San Francisco  
8th Mar., Gen.—P. M. Co.Perseus, Br. s.s., 4,299, Robinson,  
14th Mar.—Shanghai  
11th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.Tacoma Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,430, T.  
Hamada, 13th Mar.—  
Manila 10th Mar., Flour.  
—O. S. K.Takui Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,711, K.  
Okamura, 14th Mar.—  
Milke 8th Mar., Coal—  
M. B. K.Thongwa, Br. s.s., 3,429, Robins,  
12th Mar.—Moji 9th Mar.,  
Coal.—D. & Co.Tientsin, Br. s.s., 3,227, Robert-  
son, 12th Mar.—Saigon  
7th Mar., Coal.—P. & O.Zafro, Am. s.s., 1,000, 14th Mar.—  
Manila 11th Mar.,  
Gen.—S. T. & Co.MOVEMENTS OF  
STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO  
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For.	Vessel.
Macao.	Sui Tai.
Tientsin.	Hutchow.
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Swatow.	Paklat.
Poochow.	Haiyang.
Tientsin.	Cheongshing.
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Shanghai.	P. E. Friedrich.

## AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. Persia left San  
Francisco on the 8th inst.The P. M. s.s. Mongolia with the  
American mail left San Francisco  
for this port, via Honolulu the  
usual Japan Ports and Manila on  
the 15th ult.The T. K. K. s.s. Tenyo Maru  
left San Francisco for Hongkong  
via usual ports on the 1st instant  
and is due here on the 28th inst.The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru  
arrives at San Francisco on the  
18th inst., and leaves again for  
Hongkong on the 22nd inst.The P. M. s.s. Nile, will be des-  
patched from this port on the  
31st inst., at 1 p.m.

## GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Eitel  
Friedrich left Shanghai on the  
15th inst., and may be expected  
here on the 18th inst. at 6 a.m.

## AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. s.s. Eastern left  
Sydney for this port via Queens-  
land Ports Port Darwin, Timor  
and Manila on the 14th inst., and  
may be expected here on the 6th  
prox.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Glenloch passed the  
Suez Canal on 18th ult., for Hong-  
kong via Straits.The American & Manchurian  
Line s.s. Kasenga passed the  
Suez Canal on the 25th ult., and  
is due here on or about 28th inst.The P. & O. s.s. Nile is ex-  
pected to arrive at Colombo on the  
19th inst., at 3 p.m.The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru  
arrives at Manila from Honolu-  
lu, on the 18th inst., and leaves  
again for Salina Cruz on the 20th  
inst.The L. C. S. N. s.s. Fookseang  
from Calcutta is due at Hongkong  
on the 20th inst.The Ben Line s.s. Benarty, from  
Antwerp, Middlebro, and Lon-  
don, left Singapore on the 12th  
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to arrive here on the 18th inst.The Bank Line s.s. Bilbester left  
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pected to arrive here on the 19th



## BANK NOTE CASE.

(Continued from page 5).

Eventually His Lordship said that if any of the learned counsel put up and told him that he represented the Chinese Government all he, his Lordship, could say was that he should decline to recognise counsel's *locus standi*.

The following special jury was empanelled:—Messrs A. MacKenzie, foreman; M. S. Sassoon, Ellis Kadoorie, E. H. Thiel, T. F. Hough, W. S. Brown, and S. H. Dodwell.

**Case for the Prosecution.**

Mr. Sharpe, K. C., opening the case for the prosecution, said the charge against the prisoners, was as they had heard, a charge of conspiracy, together with others, who were, unfortunately, not in custody, to defraud members of the public, by obtaining large sums of money for forged bank notes, which purported to be genuine Chinese \$5 bank notes. The amount of the forgeries, was, as they would prove, \$1,000,000 and the case was therefore one of extreme gravity, not only to the Chinese authorities, who had been referred to, but to the whole community, in whose possession these forged notes, had they been issued, would have come. There was evidence of the issue of a certain number of the notes. He thought before he opened the story, it would be convenient to explain to the jury, the actual forgery which he should prove, and as a preliminary he would ask them to look at the notes. He would also tell them that at the commencement of last year the Governor of Kwangtung was Chan Kwing Ming and the Commissioner of Finance was Li Yuk Tong, and during their term of office, at the commencement of last year, 1912, there was issued a genuine issue of \$5 notes. It was those notes which were forged.

**The Purple Chop.**

Counsel handed the jury three genuine notes, and three alleged forgeries, and pointed out that the genuine notes had a chop on the right-hand side of the face. The genuine notes were printed by the Canton Government at the Shanghai Commercial Press, and had certain characters and a number of seals were officially added at the Canton Treasury Office. The genuine notes had not a purple chop on it when it left the Shanghai Commercial Press; that was added at the Treasury Office.

Subsequently the Governor of Canton was promoted to Commander-in-Chief and the Commissioner of Finance vacated his office; and therefore, at the time of the offence, the two officials had ceased to hold their respective offices.

The present conspiracy was entered into in June of last year, to forge imitations of these notes and to issue the same here in Hongkong. The conspiracy was commenced in December by the arrival of the notes in Hongkong, a charge of all the prisoners except number 6, who was already in Hongkong. They arrived in two consignments. The falseness of the notes they would prove by calling officers from the Canton Treasury. The forgeries, they would see, were good forgeries—very good forgeries—but differences would be pointed out which were apparent to any body.

The genuine notes, as he had already said, were printed at the Shanghai Commercial Press, and the forgeries purported to be printed in the same place, but he would prove that they were printed in Japan. In the case of the genuine notes, the purple characters in the case of the forgeries they were apparently printed in Japan. The forged notes were indeed complete, except for the number and the seal of the commissioners on the back, and he would prove that the prisoners had a large number of imitations of the commissioners' seals when arrested—a large number of India-rubber chops and a complete apparatus for adding serial numbers. That, he said, they had in their possession the uncompleted notes, and the complete apparatus for completing them.

**Why of Canton.**

For some months after the completion of the conspiracy in Canton matters advanced quietly; the conspirators were working on the conspiracy. Some of them

were looking after the manufacture of the notes in Japan. The arrangements of distributing the notes were made mainly by Nos. 5 and 6, who lived in Hongkong, and a Chinese conspirator named Fung, who was, unfortunately, not in custody. The conspirators seemed for all purpose to have avoided Canton; they seemed to be shy of that City. The headquarters of the conspiracy in Hongkong, was Mumeysa. The sixth defendant Sano, had been with Mumeysa for six or seven years. There No. 6 lived, and No. 5 ostensibly was employed there, as a photographer, but in fact, during the period they had to consider, he seemed to have been occupied in travelling backwards and forwards to Japan, without doing any work. The Chinese headquarters in Hongkong were at the Victoria Printing Press at the bottom of D'Almeida Street, and at the back of the old Hongkong Club. There Fung lived, apparently as manager.

This brought them to about November 1912. The Chinese Government at that time, had apparently got wind of the plot, and seemed to have put the matter in the hands of the Chief Detective of Canton, a man named Wong, who would be called, and also a Police agent, Pang, to arrange with the gang for a pretended purchase of the notes in order to accomplish the discovery.

**"General Secrecy"**

On December 17th Pang was in Hongkong and Wong had come down with a large sum of money to negotiate the purchase from the gang. On the date he had mentioned, in the morning, the prisoners numbers one to five arrived together in Hongkong from Japan on the N. Y. K. steamer, Kumano Maru, bringing with them the first consignment of forged notes, amounting roughly to about half a million. Nos. one and two who were apparently of a somewhat better social position than the others travelled first class and the rest second. On arrival in Hongkong they at once went to Mumeysa's and stayed there, but subsequently Nos. 1 and 4 went to the Tokyo Hotel. There were several incidents there of no great importance with regard to which evidence would be given by witnesses from the Hotel, showing the secrecy with which these people conducted themselves. They were at first put into two rooms, but they insisted in being put into one, into which they had their two boxes brought. They conducted themselves with general secrecy, allowing no one in the room without notice and were frequently visited by the other prisoners.

**Constant Meetings.**

The police agent Pang, was, as they were aware, now conducting negotiations mainly through the conspirator Fung and there were constant meetings at the Victoria Press. On the evening of the day when the Kumano Maru arrived, Pang ascertained that the notes had arrived in Hongkong and he obtained a sample, which he sent on the Canton Government. The following day, December 18th, at night, Pang went to the Victoria Press to see Fung and they then went to Mumeysa's together. Fung seemed to have left Pang on the stairs outside Mumeysa's room and, going in, had a conversation with the sixth prisoner. Apparently an appointment was made for the next day and the following morning at about 6.30 o'clock Pang, on the instructions of Fung, took prisoners Nos. 5 and 6 to a certain address in Des Voeux Road, No. 5 carrying a parcel of the forged notes which had been completed with the addition of the purple marks, on the face. The notes amounted to \$10,000. Nos. 5 and 6 went back to Mumeysa's and Pang returned to the Victoria Press and reported that the transaction had been completed to the satisfaction of the Japanese. Fung then took Pang to Mumeysa's and they again saw Nos 5 and 6.

**Playing a Part.**

They went round to Mumeysa's shop and there he handed Fung \$350 for his share in the transaction, which Fung divided with Pang. Pang took his half, as he was playing a part, of course. They also gave Pang two more samples of forged notes and asked him to hurry up and find the man who had promised to buy a quarter of a million of them. This was apparently Wong. Pang

took these samples also to Wong, who up to this time had not met Nos 5 and 6. On December 20 Pang went with Fung to Wong and an appointment was made for completing the sale of a quarter of a million of notes, at a Chinese shop called the Hop Hing, near the Sailors' Home. The completion was to take place the following day. On December 21 the police agent Pang, and Fung went to Mumeysa's and again saw Nos. 5 and 6, who seemed to be in charge of the negotiations and informed them that the deal was now ready. No. 5 thereupon left Mumeysa's and went to the Tokyo Hotel, where there were Nos. 1 to 4, together with the notes. They brought these four to join the others and the whole six together took the boxes full of forged notes towards the Sailors' Home, to the Hop Hing.

**The Arrest.**

Prisoners apparently tried to get a ricksha to carry the boxes but they were too heavy and prisoners had to make use of coolies instead. A trap had been arranged to take the men at the Hop Hing. Wong, working with the Hongkong police, had arranged the trap to catch the gang and police were posted at the Hop Hing. Wong was there with the money to buy the notes and Pang's part was apparently to go in and out watching the progress of events. While he was outside he met Fung in the street, who had become frightened at the sight of the police. Pang tried to reassure him, but he was evidently very much frightened and had apparently warned the six, who were coming along the road. They stopped at the end of the Bonham Strand, just by the Macao steamboat wharf and the police arrested them there. The boxes were opened and found to contain \$249,000 worth of notes. No. 5 was carrying a large number of chops for marking the commissioner's seal and also the apparatus for putting on the serial number.

Counsel went on to describe the arrest of the seventh and eighth prisoners who arrived on the s.s. Awa Maru with another consignment of notes. When the boat arrived in the Harbour, said counsel, a messenger apparently went out to them and warned them of what had happened and at night a basket containing notes was thrown into the water. It was afterwards recovered by a diver and also loose ones that were lying on the bottom of the harbour. The case was proceeding when we went to press.

## NEW AMERICAN DUCHESS.

Riot of Women Spectators in Church.

Miss Elinor Douglas Wise daughter of Commander Frederick Wise, of the United States Navy, is the latest American heiress to become a duchess. She was married at Baltimore Cathedral to the Duke of Richelieu and Fronsac, stepson of the Prince of Monaco.

The curiosity of the feminine half of the population to witness the wedding was such that thousands of women assembled outside the cathedral hours before the ceremony fighting for points of vantage. Inside the building, says the "New York Herald," women stood on the backs of the pews, and even struggled for places on the confessional rails.

After Cardinal Gibbons had united the couple there was a mad rush to see the bride and bridegroom at close range. In the scramble the duchess was torn from the side of her husband, who required the aid of three policemen to reach her again.

**Bequest to China Inland Mission.**

Miss Harriette Mary Jane Halloran, of South Down-lane, Crownhill, Devon, who died on December 19, left £150 to the China Inland Mission.

**Serious Fire in Yokohama.**

The Deutsche Haus, at No. 25, Bluff, Yokohama, was gutted by fire on March 8. The premises were used by the German community as a church and school-house, and were provided with quarters for the school staff.

## COMPANY MEETING.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Limited.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Limited, was held at the Company's offices, at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross presided, and others present were: Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. G. Frieland, D. W. Craddock, H. G. Frieland, F. Sieb, H. P. White, A. S. Sorensen (Directors), R. M. Dyer (Chief Manager) G. A. Caldwell (Acting Secretary), G. W. Barton, Ho Fook, Chau Siu Ki, W. Melchers, D. Tompkins, P. C. Potts, H. G. White and Lo Cheung Chiu. The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen.—The Report and Accounts have been before you for the last ten days, and, with your permission, I will take them on read.

Before proceeding to comment on the accounts now before you I think some of you may expect me to briefly refer to the enquiry into the Company's affairs which, at the instigation of certain shareholders, was carried on last autumn. This investigation resulted in certain changes in our administration which it is confidently hoped will be beneficial to the Company, while as regards our Accounts, which in some respects were regarded as unduly optimistic, I have the authority of your Auditors to state that in accordance with the Board's instructions very full and ample provision has been made in the accounts now before you for everything of a doubtful nature.

Turning now to the Report and Balance Sheet, while we show a loss for the year, the actual result for that period,—due regard being paid to the competition which at present exists in our business—is not, I think, altogether discouraging.

You will observe from the figures before you that in making up the accounts for the year 1912 we have taken no credit for establishment charges on work in progress which, in a concern like ours, is a large item. We only decided to do this after careful deliberation and with a desire to be on the safe side; we have at the same time debited 1912 with some extraordinary expense, a portion of which might justly have been born in 1913. Otherwise the year taken by itself, after paying interest, would have shown a small net profit, of which 1913 will now get the benefit.

We seem now to be feeling a reflection of the boom in ship-building at home and have a considerable amount of new tonnage under construction at Kowloon. Enquiries for new ships are numerous and although prices obtainable are not very remunerative, still it is advisable to take a certain amount of this business to keep our Chinese workmen employed when repair work is quiet.

The Chief Manager reports that the establishments and machinery are all in good order, their up-keep having been paid out of earnings.

The Dredger "Canton River" has been sold to the Sydney Harbour Trust, for delivery in Sydney. The price obtained for this vessel was a cheap one, but keeping in mind the age of this dredger and the intermittent nature of employment obtainable for it here, I think it was wise to get rid of it.

Since the beginning of the year repair work has been rather better, and to illustrate the capacity of our establishments I may call attention to the fact that although our No. 1 Dock was occupied for the whole of February by the Minnesota undergoing an extensive repair, we were nevertheless able to carry on all our other normal work by utilizing our Cosmopolitan and Aberdeen establishments.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

In seconding, Mr. Battin said:—I beg to second the motion, which requires very few words of mine to bring before you. After the lucid explanation and address that our Chairman has given us, we can confidently look forward to the future.

On the proposition of Mr. Melchers, seconded by Mr. Chan Siu Ki, Messrs D. W. Craddock and G. Frieland were re-elected directors.

Mr. P. O. Potts moved, and Mr. Ho Fook seconded, that Messrs H. Perry Smith and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors, at a remuneration of \$750 each per annum.

The proposition was carried unanimously. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

## LOCAL SPORT.

R.E.'s Victory in Football Challenge Cup.

An interesting game, played at the Happy Valley on Saturday in discouraging conditions, resulted in a win for the Royal Engineers over the H.M.S. Tamar in the semi final for the Hongkong Challenge Cup.

The teams turned out as follows:—

H. M. S. Tamar:—Turner, goal; Lawrence and Harcourt, backs; Neilson, Mees and Murray, halves; Hodgkinson, Laight, Smith, Berry and Frost, forwards. Royal Engineers:—Rogers, goal; Coxon and Morrish, backs; Ferrigan, Scott and Collyer, halves; Lewis, Brown, Pearson Kelly and Sutherland, forwards. Mr K. W. Eager acted as referee.

In the first half no score was effected on either side and it was not until Pearson had made a good individual effort in the second half, when he got away from a bunch and put the ball into the net out of Turner's reach, and notched the first point, that there was much of interest in the game.

Sutherland scored a second after from a fine centre by Collyer, and after that the naval men seemed to put a great deal more life into their game and practically turned the tables on their opponents who up to that time had been doing most of the pressing. In the end, Frost notched and the game finished with a win for the military by two goals to one.

## SINGER COMPANY DIVIDEND UP.

Through the declaration of 4 per cent. quarterly disbursement announced by the Singer Manufacturing Company on its \$60,000,000 stock, that stock was placed on a 16 per cent. annual basis, comparing with 12 per cent. in 1912 and 1911. This company handles 80 per cent. of the world's output of sewing machines, but to date, it has never made a report on operations other than dividend declarations, and nothing of value is known, therefore, of the volume of business which it is turning over. According to an unofficial report, however, sales during 1912 showed a gain over the volume for the preceding year of approximately \$10,000,000.

Distributions of dividends prior to 1911 were 10 per cent in 1910, 30 in 1909, 15 in 1908, 11 in 1907, 8 in 1906, 13 in 1905, 31 in 1904, 12 in 1903, 9 in 1902, 7 in 1901, 20 in 1900, 100 in 1899, and 30 in 1898.

**Removed to Hospital.**

A Chinese about 40 years of age, has, according to the police report, been removed to the hospital suffering from the effects of immersion caused by falling overboard from the s.s. Signal. He was picked up by the crewman of the steam launch Yick On.

**Kidnaping Charge.**

Before Mr. Melbourne at the Police Court this afternoon, ten men and women appeared on remand on a charge of kidnaping. Mr. R. C. Faithfull, Mr. Reader Harris, Mr. J. H. Gardiner, and Cresce defended some of the prisoners, and Mr. P. M. Holgeon, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute. A remand until next Thursday was ordered.

A big rise in the price of leaf gold and gold used for making ornaments has taken place on the Bangkok market lately. For a long time the gold has been sold at Tcs. 28.50 and Tcs. 27 or Tcs. 27.50 per tical weight, respectively. These prices have now gone up about eighty stangs each. This is a big rise and is said to be due to the prosperous season which the cultivators are enjoying. They had themselves in funds and at once begin to buy gold ornaments.

## To-day's Advertisements

## Direct Line to Tonquin.

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## THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

Official Reports and Resolutions.

The Governor of Honan has telegraphed to the International Reform Bureau as follows:—"Regarding your telegram, stating that poppy was growing in certain districts in Honan and also the report that my relatives were concerned in it, I desire to state that we are actively suppressing cultivation of opium and that I shall not spare anyone, even my brother, if they are found to be connected with the opium trade. We are now making the fullest inquiries."

The Governor of Kansu has telegraphed to the Bureau:—"Replying to your telegram, the reports of present cultivation of opium are incorrect. As yet it is too early to plant poppy, but I guarantee that no poppy will be grown in Kansu this spring."

General Sun has sent the following telegram to the Bureau:—"The military operations continue to be successful. Nine-tenths of the poppy in the Heishingwa district has now been destroyed."

The Governor of Kiangsu has telegraphed, reporting that strict investigations are being made.

## Series of Resolutions.

The Opium Conference, which ended on March 8, passed the following twenty resolutions:—

(1) As the time for prohibition has arrived, the Conference requests the Government to order all Governors fully to report upon prohibition measures prior to July 1913.

(2) To request the Ministry of the Interior to instruct Provincial anti-opium bureaux vigorously to prosecute their labours upon uniform lines.

(3) To request the Ministry of Justice to instruct the provincial departments to render assistance.

(4) To request the Government to submit to the National Council a Bill providing for more drastic and uniform anti-opium laws.

(5) To request the Ministry of Works and Commerce to instruct provincial authorities not to allow registration of opium merchants and also to cancel existing registration.

(6) To request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to instruct provincial commissioners to consult foreign Consuls regarding prohibition in foreign concessions and treaty-ports.

(7) To request the Government to submit a Bill to the National Council providing for the heavy punishment of those officials who do not execute the anti-opium laws.

(8) To request the Government to submit to the National Council a Bill providing a common law for enforcing military suppression of cultivation and for placing opium growers under martial law.

(9) To request the Government to submit a Bill to the National Council providing penalties for the use of morphine.

(10) To request the Ministry of the Interior to enforce prohibition in Peking and to offer rewards for detection.

(11) To urge Chinese newspapers to stir up public opinion against the traffic and to promote public burning of opium.

(12) To write to the British Parliament and to British anti-opium societies, expressing Chinese appreciation of their past attitude and, also, declaring that the Chinese desire the total prohibition of the trade.

(13) To publish throughout China statements made in the British House of Commons and, also, measures adopted by opium merchants to protect their trade.

(14) To urge the Government to prevent pressure from interested quarters operating against prohibition.

(15) To request the Ministry of Justice to set aside all fines for offences against the anti-opium laws for prohibition work.

(16) To request all Governors to resist firmly the idea of an opium monopoly by the Central Government.

(17) To request all Governors to resist firmly the idea of an opium monopoly by Provincial authorities.

(18) To secure an official reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the recent charges against China.

(19) To appoint from among the present delegates the following continuation committee to carry on the work of the Conference:—Chihli, Chen Chah-fu; Chekiang, Chang Hain-fa and Liang Fu; Yunnan, Li Keng-yuan; Kirin, An Ming; Peking, Chang Yue-hun.

(20) To request the appointment of a standing opium prohibition committee in connection with the forthcoming Parliament.

The delegates to the Opium Conference represent twelve provinces and also six departments.

## OFFICERS PROMOTED.

The following extract from the "London Gazette," dated 11th February, is published:—

India Office, February 11th, 1913. The King has approved of the promotion of the following Officers of the Indian Army, Indian Medical Service, Indian Subordinate Medical Department and Indian Army Departments:—Lieutenants to be Captains; Dated January 9, 1913:—Guy Willoughby Anderson, 25th Punjab; Hugh Reginald Orle Walker, 25th Punjab.

## The s.s. Senegambia.

The German steamship Senegambia, which has been scheduled to sail from Manila on March 21 for Yokohama and Kobe, will not call at these Japanese ports, but will sail from Manila for Keelung, Taigiao, Taku and Daire.

## To-day's Advertisement

## Public Auction.

G. E.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 1913, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, below Kennedy Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rents to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Boundary Measurements.		Area.	
Length.	Breadth.	Sq. Rds.	Sq. Yds.
100	100	1	100
200	200	4	400
300	300	9	900
400	400	16	1600
500	500	25	2500
600	600	36	3600
700	700	49	4900
800	800	64	6400
900	900	81	8100
1000	1000	100	10000

## REMOVAL NOTICE.

To enable the "HONGKONG TELE-  
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INCREASING BUSINESS, demanding more  
COMMODIOUS PREMISES, the office  
will shortly be removed to No. 1 Ice House  
Road—Corner of Battery Path and Queen's  
Road.

## COMMERCIAL.

## Freight Report.

Messrs L. Webb and Rogge in their Freight Circular dated Hongkong, 15th March, state:— Since issue of our last report on the 1st instant, freights have stiffened remarkably but chartering has been greatly restricted owing to extreme scarcity of tonnage. Whereas up to quite recently, vessels belonging to the large British Companies were open to entertain proposals for charters in almost any direction on the Coast, they now abstain almost entirely from competition for any "outside" business and have actually refused business for "special trades" on time charter basis at rates which work out by at least 50 per cent. better than was gladly accepted only 6 months ago. This change of attitude is without doubt attributable to the prospective trade up North, where the big Companies have now the field to themselves, as practically all "outside" tonnage has already been taken up on long time charter in the South. We predicted in our Circular of the 12th of October last year, that the market would gradually strengthen in favor of owners. This forecast, which was based on the favourable crop reports from Bangkok and Saigon, as well as the fact that Northern prospects were also exceedingly good, has proved remarkably correct, while the change in ratio of tonnage supply and demand—obviously owing to so many vessels having left Eastern waters and numerous sales to Japan—has further tended to enhance rates. The present scarcity of tonnage is more and more making itself felt, and proposals of the reduction of tonnage, it is interesting to note that we have to-day only some 20 Norwegian steamers trading on the Coast as against 104 vessels during 1904/1905.

## Public Companies

## LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE Thirty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on Tuesday, the 26th March at 11.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1912.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to 25th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 6th March 1913. (240)

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING

## CO. LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE Thirty-fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on Tuesday, the 26th March at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1912.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to 25th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 6th Mar. 1913. (239)

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FORTY-FOURTH MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 8 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 20th March, 1913, at 12 o'clock NOON for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1912.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th March to 20th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
O. FEMBERGTON  
Secretary.

Hongkong 28th Feb., 1913. (242)

## Public Companies

## THE HONGKONG, CANTON &amp; MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Scrip Certificate No. 7543 issued 30th May 1911, for two 5-shares numbered 89786/89790, 7439/7443 and 27026/27038 of this Company, in the name of Gabriel Pontat Oster has been lost, and should the same not be produced before the 10th April 1913, New Scrip Certificate will be issued to the said Gabriel Pontat Oster, and no transactions taking place under the said Scrip Certificate No. 7543 will be recognized by the Company.

W. E. CLARKE  
Secretary,  
Hongkong, March 11th, 1913.

## Notices

ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL,  
Situated at Kowloon, within a few minutes' walk of the Principal Landing stages of the  
SECOND SEAPORT IN THE WORLD,  
and in close proximity to the project Office and Terminal of  
THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY,  
is for  
LEASE ON EASY TERMS.

This Hotel Establishment has been conducted as a First Class Hotel and is patronized by Residents of Hongkong and Kowloon and by the Shipping Community. The Proprietor is in a position to convey any prospective Lessee that the business is doing exceedingly well, and that it can be turned into a still more profitable concern if desired, or by an expert who would devote his entire attention to the business.

The Proprietor has already spent \$12,000 in thorough Renovating and Refurbishing the premises, and now very little remains to be expended except for converting a piece of Vacant Ground adjoining the Hotel into an Open-Air Stadium, Bowling Alley or Open-Air Cinematograph Show, etc., etc., which it can be well utilized.

Inspection of books allowed to any one making BONA FIDE offers to lease etc.

For Particulars apply to  
H. RUTTON, Esq.,  
c/o Royal George Hotel,  
Kowloon, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 11th Mar., 1913. (163)

## LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write care of "Hongkong Telegraph" office or direct to 37 Hollywood Road, 1st floor, Hongkong, 20th Jan. 1913. (14)

## NOTICE.

WM. POWELL, Ltd., having secured the services of a cutter with long and varied experience, beg to announce that a tablement of a TAILORING DEPARTMENT is their main store, Des Vaux Road. A trial order would be greatly appreciated. All Garments will be made in our own workshops.

## THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT FAMINE DISTRICTS with an area of 80,000 square miles. TWO and a half million people starving.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.  
IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.  
TREASURER, H. C. GULLAND, Esq.,  
Manager, International Banking Co.,  
General, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, 24th January 1913. (27)

**MARTIN'S APOLASTEL**  
A French Remedy for all kinds of Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Sciatica, etc. It is the only remedy that cures these ailments. It is sold in bottles of 1/2, 1, and 2/6. Price 1/6 per bottle. Sold by all chemists and druggists.

## Entertainments

## THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!  
Monday, March 17th,  
Last Night! Last Night!!

Under the Patronage and in the presence of  
His Excellency Sir F. H. MAY,  
K.C.M.G.

Mr. EDGAR WARWICK'S



In a Specially Selected Programme.

Plan at MOUTRIE & Co.  
PHIL CARLTON,  
Manager.

## BOXING!

CITY HALL,  
SATURDAY MARCH 22nd.

AT 8 P.M. SHARP.

15 Round Contest

For the Heavyweight Championship of the Orient

of the Orient

NOBBY GRANT

H.M.S. Flora

Heavyweight Champion of the Orient

STOKER ALFORD

H.M.S. Hampshire

Ex. Heavyweight Champion of India

10 Round Contest

For the Middleweight Championship of the Orient

of the Orient

SEAMAN STEVENS

H.M.S. Minotaur

Middleweight Champion of the Garrison

SEAMAN BALL

H.M.S. Hampshire

Ex. Middleweight Champion of India

10 Round Contest

For the Featherweight Championship of the Orient

of the Orient

PRIVATE SMITH

D.C.L. (Holder)

SEAMAN STENNING

H.M.S. Hampshire

Ex. Featherweight Champion of India

6 Round Contest

Lightweight

SAPPER MILES, R.E.

L.S. MEADOWS

P.L.I. Hampshire

6 Round Contest

PTE. LITTLEJOHN

H.M.S. Tamar

SEAMAN TAIT

H.M.S. Minotaur

Ringside \$5.00 Stalls \$3.00

Others \$2.00. \$1.00. \$0.50. and

Sellers \$1.00 in uniform to this

\$2.00 Seats.

Booking at MOUTRIE & CO.

F.E. HALL, Promoter.

## BIJOU.

9.15 TO-NIGHT. 9.15

MAX LINDER'S APPOINTMENT

On the Way to Montmartre.

A Young Terror. Basil Wilkes.

NEWS IN PICTURES

Public Gazette and Gaumont Graphic.

Miss VIOLET BONETTA

(a) "Take me back to old Killarney"

(b) "It's great to meet a friend."

Miss GRACE STEPHANO

(a) "Come back to Erin."

(b) "Kathleen MacAvonagh."

SPECIAL 1.15 SONGS

For St. Patrick's Day.

Look out for

LES MISERABLES.

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

Enormous success of

Miss FRED ADEA.

TUESDAY 18th

Debut of the

CELEBRATED ARTIST,

Miss JOLLY COLEMAN.

WEDNESDAY 19th

Debut of the

THUNDERBOLT MAN,

ALEXANDER GALINSKY.

SATURDAY 22nd

Debut of the

FAMOUS ARTIST

Miss ARKAS.

If you happen to be late your seats will be Courtesy and Promptly Saved for the Same. Only at the ALEX. ANDRA CAFE.

## Banks

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office—No. 60, Wall St., New York.

London Office—No. 1, Abchurch Lane, E.C. 4.

BRANCHES:

Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Capital and Reserve—\$100,000,000 (Gold).

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS

TRANSACTED ON THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS

TERMS. DEPOSITS RECEIVED, and for one year at

4 per cent. for shorter periods, at rates, which

may be ascertained on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS

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LETTERS OF CREDIT. PURCHASE AND SALE OF

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ISSUED AND COLLECTED. GEORGE HOGG,

Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Post Office, 1st Nov., 1912. 1912

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000

Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000

Reserve Fund " 12,500,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches: Antung-Hsien, Bombay, Calcutta, Changchun, Dairen, Fengtien, Harbin, Hankow, Honolulu, Kobe, Liang-Yang, London, Lyons.

Agencies at: Nagasaki, Nowohwang, New York, Osaka, Peking, Ryoun Port, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Tokyo.

Interest Allowed on Current Account.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th Jan., 1913. (18)

## THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital—£1,200,000

Reserve Fund—£1,650,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors—£1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

Wm. DICKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. (23)

## Notices

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LD.

(Capital Paid up—\$1,350,000.)

Lenses and Mortgage of House Property

Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

Lenses made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application).

THE OFFICE OF

TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF

WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c.,

Under Seal and Execution.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. (19)

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 375 lbs. net

In Bags of 250 lbs. net

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1904. (22)

## KELLY &amp; WALSH, LTD.

CAMBRIDGE MANUALS.

80 cents each.

Brewing, A. Chaston Chapman.

The Individual in the animal

Kindom; Julian S. Huxley.

The Psychology of Insanity,

Fernand Paul.

The Work of Rain & Rivers,

T. G. Bonney.

House Flies & How they spread

Disease, O. G. Hewitt.

The Origin of Earthquakes,

O. Devion.

Early Religious Poetry of the

Hebrews, E. G. Kline.

Brasserie, J. S. M. Ward.

The English Puritans, J. A.

The Natural History of Coal,

A. A. A. A.

THE NATURAL HISTORY OF COAL,

A. A. A. A.

## Banks

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital—\$15,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS:

Sterling—\$15,000,000

at 2 1/2%—\$15,000,000

Silver—7,000,000

\$32,200,000

Reserve Liability of

Proprietors—\$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

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Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.

ACTING MANAGER:

Shanghai—A. G. Stephen.

London Bankers—London

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## HOME NEWS.

(Continued from page 5).

**The Atlantic Ice Danger.**  
As was briefly reported in our columns on February 17, an arrangement has been made for co-operation between the Board of Trade and the principal Atlantic steamship lines in carrying out during the present year the recommendations of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee in their report on Life Saving at Sea with respect to stationing a vessel for ice observation to the North Atlantic. In accordance with the advice of a special conference summoned by the Board of Trade to consider the best means of giving effect to this recommendation, it is proposed that a vessel should be stationed off the east coast of North America to the north of the steamship routes during the coming spring to watch the break-up of the ice and to report its movement on the way to the routes. The Scotia, a whaler, formerly employed in the Scottish Antarctic Expedition, has been chartered to carry out this work, and it was anticipated that she will be ready to leave Dundee, where she was then lying, about the end of February. The vessel is being fitted with a Marconi wireless installation having a long range, so that she will be able to keep in touch with the wireless stations in Newfoundland and Labrador. The cost of the expedition will be shared between His Majesty's Government and the principal Atlantic steamship lines.

**The Marconi Contract.**  
As reported by wire, Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company addressed to the Postmaster-General on the 6th ult. a further letter urging their application for release from their contract of July 10, 1912, for the erection of the Imperial wireless stations, and stating that they were advised that they were entitled to treat the contract as at an end unless it were confirmed by March 1. The Postmaster-General has caused the following reply to be sent to the company:—

General Post Office,  
February 15, 1913.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., I am directed by the Postmaster-General to say that he can do no more than repeat the conclusions stated in my letter of February 5, and arrived at after careful consideration—namely, that, while he greatly regrets the delay which has taken place, he cannot admit that the delay has been such as to entitle you to withdraw from the contract.

In view of the deliberations of the Select Committee and of the inquiries that are being made at their request by the Technical Committee, there is, of course, no prospect that a decision can be reached in the matter by March 1.—I am, &c.,

A. E. King.

**The late Mr. T. Adkins' Estate.**  
Mr. Thomas Adkins, J.P., Evesham, Worcestershire, for twenty-four years in Consular service in China, left estate valued at £33,305.

**"Nature Doctor's" Fortune.**  
Gustav Probst, locksmith and "nature doctor," has died at Solothurn, Switzerland, leaving a fortune of £28,000 amassable from one and eight-penny fees for his medicine, which consisted in all cases of pounded rhubarb and beetroot.

## YACHTING.

C. Y. C. Race Yesterday.

A race was held in connection with the C. Y. C. yesterday to decide which boats should compete in the final for Mrs. Clark's prize, which will be sailed off on the 20th April, the date of the closing cruise.

The race for the Handicap class and Hayward Hays class started in a flat calm, but the breeze sprang up afterwards, giving the Ghol class a fine start. The results were as follows:

- Handicap Class.  
1. Dorothea.  
2. Violet.  
3. Alpanah.  
Hayward Hays Class.  
1. Asthor.  
2. Gael.  
3. Thelma.

## WITH COLOURS FLYING

How the Terra Nova's Men Learned of the Scott Tragedy.

Commander Evans in an interview at Christchurch, New Zealand, declared that the gallantry of Captain Scott and his party had never been surpassed. The survivors were not disposed to advise themselves at the expense of others of the ship's party. When steering for Cape Evans they arranged as stated in our telegram, to give Captain Scott and his companions a great ovation. Their accommodation was made ready and luxuries were brought up from the ship's stores. They arrived at the winter quarters with colours flying.

A large party ashore cheered and the ship's company responded. Not seeing Captain Scott in the group Commander Evans shouted, "Are all well?" They then learned of the Polar party's fate.

The total distance covered by Captain Scott to the Pole and back was 1,342 statute miles, and, reckoning by the progress of the supporting parties, Captain Scott should have returned to Hut Point by March 10. His last message, however, told of the misfortune which it was impossible to overcome.

Replying to a question regarding Captain Scott's astonishment at the shortage of fuel at the depots on his return journey, Commander Evans said Captain Scott had enough fuel to last a month beyond the expected date of his return.

The Terra Nova arrived at Lyttelton on February 12. She was to leave Christchurch for Cardiff, via Cape Horn, on March 15.

**Horse Thieves Lynched.**  
St. Petersburg, February 11.—Telegrams from Kharkov state that five thousand peasants in the township of Kotolva demolished the local court-house and seized a horse thief, whom they lynched. Subsequently they broke into the police station, and, dragging out another horse thief, lynched him also.

**Straits and F.M.S. Appointments.**  
The following appointments to the Colonial Service have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—Straits Settlements.—Messrs. J. W. Adams, W. W. Martin, and J. London to be Medical Officers. Malay States.—Mr. J. G. Watson, to be Assistant Superintendent of Government Plantations.

## POST OFFICE.

## MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Shanghai, s.s. Anhui.  
Calcutta, s.s. Dilwara.  
Batavia, s.s. Hue.  
Bangkok, s.s. Pongtong.

## MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Feb. 20 Mar. 8  
Feb. 21 Mar. 10

## MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 18th Mar., 9 a.m.  
Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 18th Mar., 10 a.m.  
Straits—Per Persus, 18th Mar., 10 a.m.  
Philippine Islands—Per Cleve-land, 18th Mar., 10 a.m.  
Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Thongwa, 18th Mar., 11 a.m.  
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 18th Mar., 11.15.  
Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 18th Mar., 3 p.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Amoy—Per Soshu-maru, 18th Mar., 5 p.m.  
Swatow—Per Haimun, 19th Mar., 8 a.m.  
Amoy—Per Glenfalloch, 19th Mar., 8 a.m.  
Hoikow, Maiphong, and Pakhoi—Per Sigan, 19th Mar., 8 a.m.

German Mail.  
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per P. E. Friedrich, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.  
Straits and Ceylon—Per Namur, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.  
Batavia, Samang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per Tijman-ook, 19th Mar., 11 a.m.  
Philippine Islands—Per Kaifong, 19th Mar., 11 a.m. 1.15.  
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 19th Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Japan via Kuchinotzu, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle—Per Titan, 19th Mar., 2 p.m.  
Straits, India via Bombay—Per Capri, 20th Mar., 11 a.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per Hangsang, 20th Mar., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 20th Mar., 1.15 p.m.  
Japan and Yokohama—Per Titaroom, 20th Mar., 2 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 20th Mar., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 21st Mar., 9 a.m.  
Japan via Yokohama—Per Dilwara, 21st Mar., 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 21st Mar., 1.15 p.m.  
Philippine Islands, Angkor, Yap, Fred, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane—Per Prinz Waldemar, 22nd Mar., 8 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco—Per Nile, 22nd Mar., noon.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 22nd Mar., 1 p.m.  
Japan via Moji, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Tacoma-maru, 22nd Mar., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 22nd Mar., 1.15 p.m.  
Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Chenan, 22nd Mar., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 23rd Mar., 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 25th Mar., 9 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Per Nera, 25th Mar., 11 a.m.  
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 28th Mar., at 5 p.m.—Per India, 29th Mar., 11 a.m.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Otaru Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,699, Ikezawa, 15th Mar.—Dairen.  
9th Mar. Coal.—M. B. K.  
Iyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,918, Hirose, 15th Mar.—London, etc., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Den of Glamis, Br. s.s., 3,381, A. Law, 15th Mar.—Singapore 9th Mar., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Torilla, Br. s.s., 3,189, Swanson, 16th Mar.—Yokohama 2nd Mar., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Eiger, Nor. s.s., 578, E. Fingelson, 16th Mar.—Daly, 10th Mar., Beans—Kwang Man Tai.

Frithjof, Nor. s.s., 891, Anderson, 16th Mar.—Bangkok 9th Mar., Rice—T. & Co.

Titan, Br. s.s., 5,730, Evans, 16th Mar.—Manila, Gen.—B. & S.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,363, Hodgins, 16th Mar.—Foochow and Amoy 15th Mar., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Awa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,912, Shimizu, 16th Mar.—Shanghai 13th Mar., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Ulv, Nor. s.s., 884, Salrison, 16th Mar.—Bangkok 10th Mar., Rice—T. & Co.

Singan, Br. s.s., 1,047, Robinson, 16th Mar.—Maiphong and Hoikow 15th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Pongtong, Br. s.s., 998, Botsfuhr, 17th Mar.—Bangkok 8th Mar., Rice—D. & S.

Glenfalloch, Br. s.s., 1,434, Gardner, 17th Mar.—Singapore 10th Mar., Gen.—J. T. Sing.

Soshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,115, G. Tashiro, 17th Mar.—Canton 16th Mar., Gen.—O. S. K.

Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, Dantschwager, 17th Mar.—Canton 16th Mar., Ballast—J. & Co.

Huichow, Br. s.s., 1,215, Hooker, 17th Mar.—Canton 16th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Anhui, Br. s.s., 1,350, Harris, 17th Mar.—Shanghai, Gen.—B. & S.

Dilwara, Br. s.s., 3,460, Ramago, R.N.R., 17th Mar.—Canton, Penang and Singapore 11th Mar., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Hue, Fr. s.s., Cornelissen, 17th Mar.—Maiphong 14th Mar., Gen.—Marty.

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Mar. 15.

Daljin-maru, for Tamsui.  
Szechuen, for Ningpo.  
Chinhua, for Shanghai.

Mar. 17.

Samsen, for Singapore.  
Wing Hang, for Canton.  
Triumph, for Quinhon.

Eiger, for Canton.  
Anhui, for Canton.  
Linan, for Shanghai.

Haiyang, for Foochow.  
Huichow, for Tientsin.  
Bombay-maru, for Singapore.

Kiukiang, for Newchwang.  
Chun On, for Melouchow.  
Kintail, for Saigon.

Otaru-maru, for Darin.

## DEPARTED.

Mar. 16.

Haimun, for Swatow.  
Daljin-maru, for Tamsui.  
Chinhua, for Shanghai.

Kiukiang, for Canton.  
Kwangtuh, for Canton.

Mar. 17.

Eiger, for Canton.  
Ichang, for Canton.  
Hsin Chang, for Canton.

Sabine Rickmers, for Canton.  
Produce, for Bangkok.  
Samsen, for Singapore.

Machew, for Hoikow.  
Bombay-maru, for Straits.  
Triumph, for Quinhon.

Kintail, for Saigon.  
Palat, for Straits.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Haiyang, arrived 16th inst., from Foochow, &c.  
Norman, E. G. Thomas, L. Y. Surbey, G.

Per s.s. Singan, arrived 16th inst., from Maiphong, &c.  
Grekman.

Per s.s. Anhui, arrived 17th inst., from Shanghai.  
Drury, Rev. and Menton, Q. M. Mrs. Stoll, Mrs.

## TIDE TABLE.

Mar. 15th to 21st Mar., 1913.

Time	High Water	Low Water
1st Mar.	10.15	4.15
2nd Mar.	10.25	4.25
3rd Mar.	10.35	4.35
4th Mar.	10.45	4.45
5th Mar.	10.55	4.55
6th Mar.	11.05	5.05
7th Mar.	11.15	5.15
8th Mar.	11.25	5.25
9th Mar.	11.35	5.35
10th Mar.	11.45	5.45
11th Mar.	11.55	5.55
12th Mar.	12.05	6.05
13th Mar.	12.15	6.15
14th Mar.	12.25	6.25
15th Mar.	12.35	6.35
16th Mar.	12.45	6.45
17th Mar.	12.55	6.55
18th Mar.	1.05	7.05
19th Mar.	1.15	7.15
20th Mar.	1.25	7.25
21st Mar.	1.35	7.35

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 17th at 11.10.—Pressure is highest over Manchuria, and to the east of Japan. It has increased moderately along the E. coast of China and decreased slightly along the S. coast.

A depression which formed over the S. Loochoos yesterday now lies to the south of Japan. The shallow depression over Indo-China has spread north-eastward. The monsoon will probably set in again along the E. coast of China to-morrow. Moderate S.E. winds and unsettled weather over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.13 inches.

## FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.

Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood.

S.E. winds, moderate; overcast; rain and fog at times.

2 Formosa Channel.

N.E. winds, strong.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamcocks.

E. winds, moderate.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan.

The same as No. 1.

## China Coast Meteorological Register.

17th March, a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Wind.

Force.

Direction.

Forecast.

Wostock 7a30.12 27 — 0 b

Nemuro 6a30.12 — ssw 2

Hakodate 30.07 — 0

Tokio 30.08 — nsw 1

Koshi 29.89 — ssw 1

Nagasaki 29.88 — ene 2

Kishima 29.82 — 0

Oshima 29.87 — nw 1

Naha 29.91 — nw 1

Ishijima 29.93 — 0

Bonin Is. — — —

Chiofo — — —

Whaiwei 30.06 34 79 nsw 2 b

Hankow — — —

Ichang — — —

Kiukiang — — —

Changsha — — —

Shanghai 30.05 44 100 n 1 md

Gutzlaff 30.00 44 — 0 f

Sharp 7a30.03 55 — n 1 o

Amoy 6a29.96 58 88 n 1 o

Swatow 2a29.91 62 100 — 0 f

Taichow 5a29.98 — — 0

Taichu 2a29.94 — — n 2

Taiwan 2a29.91 — — n 2

Koshun 2a29.92 — — e 2

Paores 2a29.93 — — no 6

Canton 9 — — —

H'kong 6a29.85 67 96 e 2 of

Cap Rock 2a29.85 — — se 2 f

Macao 2a29.82 65 — ose 1 of

Wuchow 9a29.94 60 94 e 3 o

Pukhoi — — —

Hoikow — — —

Phullen 6a29.85 68 — e 3 o

Tourane 2a29.79 — — w 2 b

O. St. J. 2a29.87 — — 0 b

Aparri 2a29.75 — — w 2 o

Manila 2a29.93 68 — no 1 b

Legaspi 2a29.97 77 — nno 1 b

Iloilo 9a29.95 80 — no 1 b

Bacolod — — —

Cebu 2a29.94 82 — e 1 b

Labuan 2a29.85 — — —

## T. F. Olaxton, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 17.  
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On Date On Date

Barometer 29.93 29.87 29.84

Temperature 57 62 64

Humidity 95 95 94

Wind Direction NE E E

Force 2 2 2

Weather or o o o

Rain — 0.57 —

Highest open air temperature on the day 64

Lowest — 54

H.K. Observatory, 17th Mar., 1913.

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